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Southwest Open: five-way tie, 17 pages of games



GM Alexander Ivanov wins Callo-Diaz Open in Midland

Left to right: Dr. Callo, GM Ivanov, organizer Steven Dudley, IM Oblitas. See page 30.

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Minutes of the 1993 TCA Membership Meeting

The meeting commenced at 10:05 a.m. Sunday, September 5 at the Patio Room of the Menger Hotel in San Antonio. TCA president Tony Alston presided.

Texas Knights editor Selby Anderson read the minutes of the last meeting.

It was noted for the record that Marcus Roberts' amendment passed in the 1991 membership meeting, which provided for election of USCF voting members by the TCA membership, had included a friendly amendment by Tony Alston providing a ceiling of six voting members from any one TCA region.

On behalf of TCA treasurer James J. Gallagher, Anderson also presented the financial statement for 1992-1993. The beginning balance at 9/7/92 was \$2,237.75, and the closing balance for 9/6/93 was \$3,720.42. [Includes cashing of CD; see p. 5 for details.]

No members of the committee on tournaments were present to discuss their findings. William Tompkins of Austin initiated a discussion of the issue which had been the basis for the committee, that of finding a way to better distribute the major TCA tournaments among various cities. Luis Salinas noted that potential tournament sites in Dallas now need at least two or three years advance notice; he wanted to put in a bid this year but couldn't find a site with only a year's notice. Tompkins asked if San Antonio was getting to be the same way, and Alston said, yes it was. Tompkins said that this lends more reason to a rotation scheme. Michael Simpson added that it also means we should consider having tournaments in the smaller cities. Tompkins introduced the idea of considering bids years in advance, as with the Olympics. Simpson noted in summary that rotation was generally considered desirable, but that there were some concerns about rotation. He offered up the possibility of voting on bids both one and two years in advance on the same ballot. As the discussion hinged on possible new business, it was postponed until after the conclusion of old business.

Alston presented the results of the election. With 63 mail ballots cast, the following tournament bids were awarded:

Southwest Open	Austin
Texas State and Amateur Championship	Austin
Texas Junior and Senior Championship	Houston
Texas Armed Forces Championship	San Antonio
Texas Open	Austin
Texas Team Championship	Austin
Texas Class Championship	Austin
Texas Rapid Championship	Austin

The officers elected were as follows:

President	Michael Simpson
Vice President	Marcus Roberts
Secretary	Drew Sarkisian
Treasurer	Gary Gaiffe

Tony Alston then turned over the chair to Michael Simpson to commence new business.

Simpson called on Marcus Roberts, who presented a plaque of appreciation to Tony Alston for three years of outstanding service as president of TCA.

Selby Anderson went through a list of prepared agenda items which he had published in the July-August issue of *Texas Knights*.

The first was a change in the fiscal year as defined in the TCA Bylaws, from a variable one based on the interval between Labor Day weekends, to one based on a fixed calendar year as required by the IRS, before whom TCA has an application pending for tax-exempt status under Section 5.01(c)(3). The Bylaws in Article V, Section 5.D.3 (duties of the Treasurer) currently read: "*The fiscal year of the Association shall begin and end at the Annual Business Meeting after the close of old business in the order of business items.*" Anderson proposed that this sentence be stricken, and a new one inserted as follows: "The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on September 1, and end on August 31."

Tompkins moved for approval by acclamation, and the amendment was passed.

Second of the written items was a motion to strike from the Bylaws the following sentence in Article IX, Section 1.D, regarding the Texas Junior Championship: "*This tournament shall normally be held during the summer between school terms.*"

Tompkins moved again for approval by acclamation, and the motion was passed.

The third item also dealt with the Bylaws section on the Texas Junior, regarding eligibility to play: "*Entries shall be restricted to players who have not reached the age of nineteen as of the day of registration.*" Anderson proposed that the sentence be stricken and replaced by the following: "Entries shall be restricted to players who have not yet graduated from high school, and who have not reached the age of nineteen as of the day of registration."

After a discussion and a motion by the sponsor to table for revision, the amendment carried 11-2 with two abstentions.

Next, Anderson read an additional amendment to the Texas Junior section of the Bylaws: "A scholastic team shall consist of any four students from the same school, and may be designated at the conclusion of the tournament to include the top scorers from that school."

The amendment was passed 12-0 with one abstention.

The next item was a motion by Jim Gallagher, Jr. (presented by Selby Anderson on his behalf) to create a nonsubscription membership for Juniors with dues at \$1 per year, with the stipulation that such a membership carry no TCA voting privileges.

Michael Simpson proposed that the \$5 nonsubscription membership be written into the Bylaws. This would include voting privileges, and would carry no age restrictions.

The amendment passed, 13-0.

Luis Salinas moved that Clarence Callaway be reimbursed for the cost of the plaque honoring Tony Alston's service to TCA.

The motion passed by acclamation.

Salinas moved that a special business meeting be held at the Texas Junior, to deal with issues affecting junior chess. Michael Simpson offered to call the meeting in his capacity as president, with an announcement be published in *Texas Knights* at least a month in advance.

TCA founder and master emeritus J. C. Thompson presented his letter to the state chess associations, in which he promoted the concept of newspaper chess columns which involve the readers through problem solving competitions. As an illustration, on the back of his letter was a copy of one of his *Dallas Morning News* columns from the 1930's.

The concept met with general approval, and Michael Simpson pledged to take action to promote such a column.

William Tompkins returned to a discussion of advance tournament bids versus rotation. Simpson asked Salinas if bidding two years in advance would solve the problem addressed by rotating the tournaments. Salinas said yes, as far as Dallas was concerned.

Tompkins said he liked the idea of giving smaller cities the opportunity to hold major TCA tournaments, and both rotation and competitive bidding tended to favor large cities. He suggested that the TCA leadership take an active part in developing chess throughout the state by offering bids years in advance to cities such as College Station, Midland and Waco.

Tompkins recalled his prediction last year (when San Antonio won all the major bids) that turnout would be lower because of so many tournaments in one city; and he predicted the same would happen next year to Austin.

Simpson pointed out that for the major TCA events such as the state championship, people would tend to play regardless of location. The less prestigious events such as the rapid championship would benefit more from being in major cities. TCA could assist smaller organizers by coming in to help publicize, organize and possibly underwrite tournaments to some extent.

The details of working out concrete proposals on tournament allocation were referred to a committee. William Tompkins offered to chair the committee, and he was accepted by general agreement.

Marcus Roberts discussed the fact that USCF voting members were restricted to no more than six from any one region in the state. Unfortunately, the voting process currently used to elect voting members is too ambiguous. A motion was raised to form a committee to create a clear process for electing USCF voting members. This passed with 11 votes with 2 abstentions.

William Tompkins brought up the problem with certain tournaments not getting ads in the "Tournament Life" section of *Chess Life*. Selby Anderson recalled the reasons behind the specific case of the 1993 Southwest Open, when a playing site had not been determined by the deadline for the September *Chess Life* ads. Tompkins suggested that closer involvement of TCA officers with local organizers would remedy this situation.

The meeting concluded at 11:25 a.m.

USCF Voting Members (9): Todd Thomas, Robert Montgomery, Selby Anderson, Tony Alston, William Tompkins, John Jacobs, Ken Smith, Dusan Djuric, W. Dexter Goodlett

USCF Delegates (4): Luis Salinas, Alexey Root, Michael Simpson, Drew Sarkisian.

Texas Knights poll results (Should the page size be enlarged?) No, 24. Yes, 17. No opinion, 13.

TCA Regional Directors are being sought out by TCA president Michael Simpson. (See "Letters", page 29.) If you are interested in promoting TCA in your part of the state, please contact him at (512) 477-9408.

The next TCA meeting will be held at the 1994 Texas Junior Championship in Houston, being held March 19-20 at the Holiday Inn Houston West (I-10 at Highway 6). Special agenda: junior chess.

TCA Financial Statement

Beginning bank balance 9/1/92 *	\$ 2,237.75
Value of certificate of deposit on 9/1/92 (cashed on 3/11/93)	<u>2,093.00</u>
Total financial assets 9/1/92	\$ 4,330.75

REVENUES

TCA memberships	\$ 5,634.93	
SASP funds	1,542.00	
Advertising	405.00	
Interest income on CD	<u>31.50</u>	
Total revenues:		\$ 7,613.43

EXPENSES

Texas Knights (covers seven issues due to earlier printing schedule this year **)

Printing	\$ 3,098.50	
Postage	1,167.76	
Editor fees	1,050.00	
Photos and half-tones	194.62	
Articles	100.00	
Telephone	56.81	
Copies	55.88	
Miscellaneous	<u>43.69</u>	
		\$ 5,767.47
 Scholastic chess		
Chess sets, boards and bags	\$ 1,360.09	
Award (Texas Junior)	300.00	
Shipping charges	123.36	
Training supplies	51.90	
Telephone	<u>17.46</u>	
		1,852.81
IRS filing fee (nonprofit status)	150.00	
Postage (members card mailout, P. O. box)	192.50	
Other administrative expense	84.23	
Bank charges	73.44	
USCF affiliation	<u>30.00</u>	
Total expenses:		\$ 8,150.45

NET LOSS: **	<u>(\$ 537.02)</u>
Total financial assets 8/31/93	\$ 3,793.73
Less account receivable (budget residual for <i>Texas Knights</i>)	<u>(73.31)</u>
Ending bank balance 8/31/93	\$ 3,720.42

* Adjusted since last statement for August 1992 bank charges.

** If the cost of the seventh TK (Sept.-Oct. 1993, \$726.69) is not counted, there is a net profit of \$189.67.

Southwest Open LIX

F. Garmendez, Espinoza, Ardaman, Readey and Anderson finish in five-way tie

About fifty feet from the Alamo in downtown San Antonio is the historic Menger Hotel, established in 1859. Here Teddy Roosevelt recruited his rough riders, prohibitionist Carrie Nation tore into the bar with her hatchet, and candidate Bill Clinton sampled mango ice cream. Below Clinton's picture in the plush Victorian lobby he is quoted: "Mango ice cream at the Menger Hotel is one of the great treasures in American life."

The Menger figures in Texas chess history as the site of the first known Texas state championship (in 1892), and made chess history again this year as the site of the 59th Southwest Open. The small turnout (111) resulted from the lack of a *Chess Life* ad (a historic first the San Antonio Chess Club organizers could have done without) combined with high room rates - \$100 a night being typical in downtown San Antonio.

A strong Mexican contingent, led by SM Florentino Garmendez and FM Rafael Espinoza, helped keep Texas favorite Miles Ardaman from dominating the event as he did last year; they both nicked Miles for draws, as did veteran master John Dunning of Dallas. Dunning withdrew after scoring 3.5 in five rounds, perhaps not thinking that a 4.5 score would win - but it did!

Sharing in the tie with Garmendez, Espinoza and Ardaman were SM John Readey of Austin and NM Selby Anderson of San Antonio; each received \$310. Writing in the first person, I can tell you that after playing in about thirteen previous Southwest Opens, and missing a clear shot at first in 1990, it feels good!

Newly elected TCA president Mike Simpson of Austin won the first expert prize with a 4-2 score, a remarkable feat in this shark tank where masters outnumbered experts. He defeated three Houston masters (Bighamian, Reuter and Moss) as well as TCA founder and master emeritus J. C. Thompson. Curiously, Mike consistently won with Black and lost with White.

Charles McLaughlin of Santa Fe, New Mexico won the Reserve section with a perfect score. J. C. Yabraian of Dallas came in second, having taken a last round bye and won the first five rounds.

Tony Alston directed for the San Antonio Chess Club, with assistance from James Liptrap, Mike Moore, Steve Smollen, and Al and Joyce Zerm.

PRIZEWINNERS

Open Section

1st-5th	Flor. Garmendez	4.5 pts	\$ 310.00
	Rafael Espinoza	4.5	310.00
	Miles Ardaman	4.5	310.00
	John Readey	4.5	310.00
	Selby Anderson	4.5	310.00
1st Expert	Michael Simpson	4	200.00
2nd-4th	Eric Dimazana	3	50.00
Expert	Peter Kappler	3	50.00

Reserve Section

1st	Charles McLaughlin	6 pts.	\$300.00
2nd	J. C. Yabraian	5.5	150.00
3rd-4th	Allen Eckert	5	16.67
	Ron Teague	5	16.67
Class B	David Peters	4.5	175.00
	Bruce Lewkowski	4	37.50
	David Nightingale	4	37.50
	Guillermo Salinas	4	37.50
Class C	Jim Cunningham	4.5	137.50
	Raymundo Garcza	4.5	137.50
	Duane Solley	4	50.00
D/E/Unr.	Leigh Emrich	3	100.00
	Mark Brill	2.5	25.00
	J. K Barbe	2.5	25.00

Round 1

Sicilian B22

Rafael Espinoza 2460

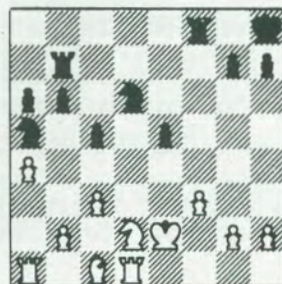
Eric Dimazana 2155

Southwest Open (1)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 b6 4.Nf3
Be7 5.d5 d6 6.Bc4 e5 7.Ne5!?! de5
8.d6 Nc6 9.de7 Qd1 10.Kd1 Nge7

Any advantage gained from the Bishop pair is pretty obscure here.

11.Nd2 0-0 12.f3 Rb8 13.a4 a6
14.Be2 f5 15.ef5 Nf5 16.Bc4 Kh8
17.Ke2 Na5 18.Bd3 Bb7 19.Be4
(19.Ne4) Nd6 20.Bb7 Rb7 21.Rd1
(Diagram) 21...e4! 22.fe4 Re7
23.Kd3 Rd8 (23...Ne4! =+) 24.Kc2
Ne4 25.Re1 Rde8 26.Re4 Re4
27.Ne4 Re4 28.Bd2 Kg8 DRAW



Benoni A56

David Buhner 2131

Miles Ardaman 2451

Southwest Open (1)

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5
d6 5.e4 Nf6 6.Bd3?!

This tempts Black to enter a Benko/Volga gambit as the White KB will have wasted a move. Better is 6.Nc3.

6...b5 7.cb5 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.Nc3
Nbd7 10.h3

Played to prevent the standard Ng4-e5 maneuver.

10...Qb6

The beauty of the Benko springs from its offerings to Black of straightforward deployment and to White of a headache in how to realize his pawn plus.

11.Qe2 ab5 12.Bb5 Ba6
13.Ba6?!

Lev Albut, a Benko veteran, noted in the late 70's in his two-part *Chess Life* article that a queenless ending frequently doesn't reduce Black's queenside pressure, and even may accentuate it.

Better is 13.a4.

13...Qa6 14.Qa6?

The reason behind Albut's contention probably lies in the rapidity with which Black can pursue his initiative, not allowing White time to organize the defense. Better is 14.Qc2, to defend e4, b2 and in some cases the Knight on c3.

14...Ra6 15.Re1 Nb6!

With three-fold purpose: (1) stopping White's e4-e5 due to Nd5; (2) vacating d7 for the KN; and (3) intending one further trade.

16.Rb1 Nfd7 17.Re2

17.Bg5 Bc3! 18.bc3 f6 19.Bh6 Rfa8 -/+ (Δ Ra2, Kf7, g5, R8a7, Nc4 with initiative.)

17...Rb8 18.Rc2 Na4



Lev's lesson: lo and behold!

19.Na4??

Returning the gambit pawn but without any gambit. 19.Nd1 Rb4 20.b3 Nab6 21.Nd2 Ne5 still leaves Black with dangerous pressure.

19...Ra4 20.b3

20.Nd2 Ra2 21.Nc4 may have limited the damage a bit better.

20...Re4 21.Bg5 h6 22.Be3 f5

Intending ...f4 or ...Kf7.

23.Rd1 Nb6

Intending to evict the Knight from f3 with an eventual ...g5-g4 and ...Re5, but he obliges me with a retreat on his own accord.

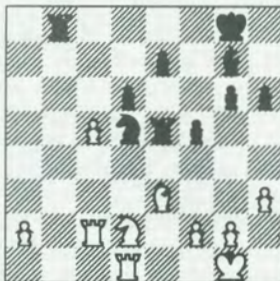
24.Nd2?

Better is 24.h4.

24...Re5 25.b4

Anything now to muck it up.

25...Nd5 26.bc5



26...Re3!

Simplifying with at least two pawns to the good.

27.fe3 Ne3 28.Rb1

28.Rdc1 Nc2 29.cd6 Nd4 30.d7 Ne2 +.

28...Rb1 29.Nb1 Nc2 30.c6
Bd4

Forced, but decisive.

31.Kf1

0:1

Notes by Michael Simpson

Reti Opening A12

Mansour Bighamian 2364

Michael Simpson 2089

Southwest Open (1)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6
4.c4 Bf5 5.b3 Qb6!? 6.d3?!

6.Nc3 += (Bighamian).

6...e5!

Mansour called this the refutation of 6.d3. Black is at least equal.

7.0-0

Of course, if 7.Ne5?? Qd4. The refutation of 7.Bb2 is more subtle: 7...Nbd7 8.Ne5? 8...Ne5 9.Be5 Ng4 10.d4 Bb4 11.Nd2 f6 -/+, or 8.Be5? Ne5 9.Ne5 Bb4 10.Nd2 (10.Kf1 Qd4) Bc3 +.

7...Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Bd6

An interesting square for the Bishop, considering the ensuing combinations and exchanges.

9.cd5 cd5 10.e4 de4 11.de4
Be6

I did not ever consider ...Ne4 with my King on the e-file.

12.Ng5 Bg4 13.Nc4 Bd1
14.Rd1!? Bc5!

Black declines White's invitation to play at Queen odds, since 14...Qc7 15.Nd6 Kf8 16.Ba3 is positively gruesome.

15.Nb6 ab6

White's next four moves are forced.

16.Bb2 h6 17.Nh3 g5 18.Kf1
Ng4 19.Ke2 Ke7

19...Nh2 was okay: 20.Rh1 Ng4 21.Ng5 Nf2 -/+ (MB).

20.a3 Nh2 21.b4 Bd6 22.Rd2
Rhd8 23.Rh1 Ng4 24.Ng1?

A better plan is 24.f3 Δ Nh3-f2-d1-e3 (MB).

24...b5 25.f3

After 25.Rd5 Rdc8 White has little better than to retreat the Rook back to d2.

25...Ngf6 26.Kf2??

Rather than capture on h6, White wants to prevent ...Nb6-c4, but f2 is a bad square for the King, as soon becomes evident.

26...Nb6 27.Bf1 Bc5! 28.Ke1 Rd2 29.Kd2 Bg1 30.Rg1 Nc4 31.Bc4 bc4 32.g4

32.b5!? g4!

32...b5 33.Ke2??!

Better is 33.Be5 Ra3 (MB; Hmmm - MS.)

33...Ke6 34.Rh1 Ng8 35.Rd1 Ne7 36.Rh1 Rh8 37.a4!?

This counterplay will prove insufficient.

37...ba4 38.Kd2 Rd8 39.Kc3 a3! 40.Ba3 Rd3 41.Kb2 Rb3 42.Ka2 Nc6 43.Rh6

On 43.Rb1 both 43...Rb1 44.Kb1 Nd4 and 43...Rf3 44.b5 Na5 Δ Nb7 are good.

43...f6 44.Rh8 Nb4 45.Bb4 Rb4 46.Rc8

Over the board I feared most 46.Ra8 Rb3 47.Ra3 with a hard struggle. A simple answer, however, is 46...Kd6! 47.Ra6 Kc5 48.Rf6 c3 49.Rf8 Kd4 +.

Now the game is over.

46...Rb3 47.Rc6 Kf7 48.Rc4 Rf3 49.Kb2 Rg3 50.Kc2 Rg4 51.Kd2 Rg3 52.Ke2 Kg6 53.Kf2 Rd3 0:1

I was proud of this win over a very strong opponent.

Sicilian B33

Omer Haldun 2318

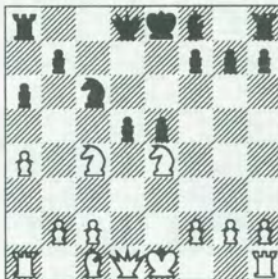
Peter Kappler 2053

Southwest Open (1)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 ed4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.a4 a6 8.Na3 Be6 9.Bc4 Bc4

9...Rc8! 10.0-0 Bc4 11.Nc4 Nd4 is theory's recommendation.

10.Nc4 Ne4? 11.Ne4 d5



12.Bg5! Be7

Black loses the Exchange after 12...f6 13.Qh5! (also 13.Bf6 gf6 14.Qd5! is sufficient) g6 14.Nf6 ±.

Disastrous is 13...Ke7 14.0-0 fg5 15.Ncd6! Kd7 16.Nc5! and a royal fork will follow; or 15...g6 16.Qf3 Qb8 17.Rd5! with a mating attack.

13.Ncd6 Kf8 14.Qd5 Qa5 15.Qa5 Na5 16.Be7 Ke7 17.Nf5 1:0

Another tasty bit of caviar:

Benko Gambit A58

Josh Turin 2011

Mike Calogridis 2207

Southwest Open (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb5 a6 5.ba6 g6 6.e3!?

This is either a slip in move order (4.e3 is a well-known line) or a crafty innovation which allows White to castle normally at the price of playing e2-e4 in two moves instead of one. Unfortunately, Josh doesn't get around to that push.

6...Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Nf3 Na6

If 8...d6 (fishing for 8.Bc4?! Ba6) White has 9.e4! and can continue 10.Nd2 if Black further delays the recapture at a6.

9.Bc4?!

I think this Bishop belongs at e2, with Nd2-c4 to follow. At any rate e4 is a useful move at some point.

9...d6 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Qe2?

This redoubles the mistake of move 9, and leads to serious tactical problems for White. 11.e4 is better.

11...Nb6 12.Bb5 Nc7 13.Rd1 Nb5 14.Nb5

The alternative gets the Queen trapped in two moves.

14...Ba6 15.a4 Qd7 0:1

White must lose a piece after the coming 16...Na4.

Round 2

Brother was pitted against brother on top board, and big brother won handily with a quick mating attack.

I got mashed by Ardaman after I lost the thread of the Black side of a King's Indian Attack.

Sicilian B33

Florentino Garmendez 2468

Carlos Garmendez 2297

Southwest Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bf6 gf6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 Bg7!?

Black prepares ...Ne7 to increase control of d5, e.g., 11.Bd3 Ne7 12.Ne7 Qe7 13.c3 f5! Florentino offers a chance to transpose back into main lines with 11...f5, but Carlos declines.

11.c3 0-0 12.g3 Be6 13.Nc2 Ne7 14.Nce3 Rb8 15.Qh5 a5 16.Bh3 Bh3 17.Qh3 b4??

Oops. Black had to play 17...Nd5.

18.Ne7 Qe7 19.Nf5 Qe6 20.Qg4 1:0

KI Attack A08

Miles Ardaman 2451

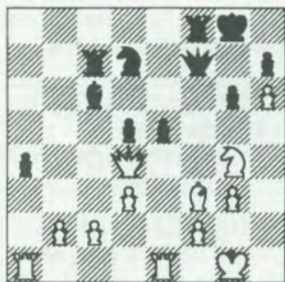
Selby Anderson 2278

Southwest Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Nd7 9.Re1 b5 10.Nf1 b4 11.h4 a5 12.N1h2 Ba6 13.h5 a4 14.h6 g6 15.a3 Bb5

15...ba3 16.ba3 (16.Ra3 c4 -/+)
Rb8 17.Bf4 Kh8 18.Qc1 Rb6 -/+
Brüggemann-Uhlmann, DDR 1977.

16.Ng4 Nd4?! (MA) 17.Nd4
cd4 18.ab4 Bb4 19.Bd2 Be7
20.Qe2 Rc8 21.Rec1 Qb6 22.Bf4
Rc5 23.Qd2 Rfc8 24.Bg5 Qd8
25.Be7 Qe7 26.Bf3 f5 27.ef6 Nf6
28.Qg5 Rf8 29.Kg2 Rc7 30.Qe5
Qf7 31.Qd4 Nd7 32.Kg1 Bc6
33.Re1 e5

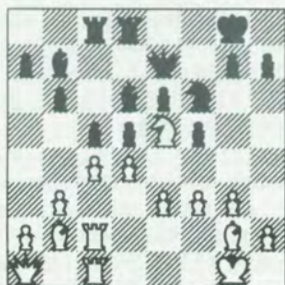


34.Re5! Ne5 35.Ne5 Qf3
36.Nf3 Rf3 37.Qb6 Rc8 38.Ra4
1:0

Dutch Defense A90
Mike Calogridis 2207
John Readey 2404

Southwest Open (2)

1.d4 c6 2.Nf3 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2
d5 5.c4 e6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.b3 Qe7
8.Bb2 0-0 9.Nbd2 b6 10.Ne5 Bb7
11.Rc1 Na6 12.Ndf3 Rac8 13.e3
Ne4 14.Nd3 Nb4 15.Nb4 Bb4
16.Ne5 Bd6 17.f3 Nf6 18.Rc2
Rfd8 19.Qa1 c5 20.Rfc1



20...cd4 21.Bd4 Ba3 22.Rd1
Nd7 23.Rcd2 Ne5 24.Be5 Bc5
25.Bd4 Bb4 26.Rc2 dc4 27.bc4
Bc6 28.Rb1 Ba4 29.Rf2 Rc4
30.Bf1 Rc7 31.Bg7 Qg7 32.Qg7
Kg7 33.Rb4 Be8 34.g4 Rd1
35.Kg2 Rcc1 36.gf5 ef5 37.e4 Bd7



38.Rbb2

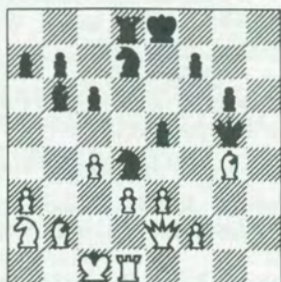
This coughs up a pawn, but
worse is 38.e5 Re1 39.f4 Bc6 40.Kg1
Bd5! 41.Ra4 a5 and 42...Bc4 -/+. And
38.Rc4?? loses immediately to Rf1.

38... fe4 39.fe4 Bc6 40.Rf4 Be4
41.Re4 Rf1 42.Re7 Rf7 43.Re3
Rc6 44.Rg3 Rg6 45.Rbb3 Rf4
46.Ra3 a5 47.Rad3 Rg3 48.hg3 Rf6
49.Rb3 Kg6 50.Rb5 Kf7 51.g4 h6
52.Kg3 Ke7 53.Kh4 Kd7 54.Kh5
Kc6 55.Rf5 Rd6 56.Rf8 Kb5
57.Rh8 Rd2 58.Rh6 Ra2 59.g5 a4
60.Rf6 a3 61.g6 Rh2 62.Kg5 Rg2
63.Kh6 a2 64.Rf1 Ka4 65.g7 Kb3
66.Rf3 Kb2 0:1

Reti Opening A12
Bill Reuter 2893
Michael Simpson 2089
Southwest Open (2)

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.b3 dc4!
4.bc4 e5 5.Qc2 (5.Bb2 f6 6.g3 Bc5
Δ Qb6 - MS) 5...Bc5 6.Nc3 Nf6
7.e3 Qe7 8.Bb2 Na6 9.a3 Bg4
(9...h6! Δ ...e4 - MS) 10.h3 Bh5
11.Nh4 Bg6 12.Ng6 hg6 13.d3 Rd8
14.Be2 Bb6 15.g4 (15.0-0 ± -MS)
15...Nc5 16.g5 Nh7 17.h4 Ng5
18.0-0-0 Nge6 19.h5 gh5 20.Na2

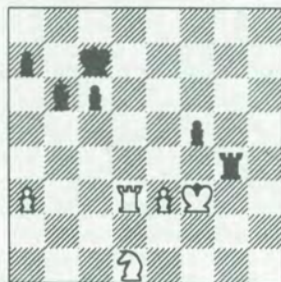
Nd7 21.Rh5 Rh5 22.Bh5 Qg5
23.Qe2 g6 24.Bg4 Nd4



25.Bd7

If 25.Bd4, not 25...Bd4? 26.Bd7
Rd7 27.f4 Be3 28.Qe3 Qf4 29.Qf4
ef4 30.Kd2 ±; but 25...ed4! 26.f4
Qe7 27.ed4 Qe2 28.Be2 Bd4 -/.

25...Kd7 26.Qf1 Ne6 27.Qh3
Kc8 28.Nc3 Qh5 29.Qh5 gh5
30.Rh1 Nc5 31.Kc2 Nd3 32.Rh5
Nb2 33.Kb2 Rd2 34.Kb3 Rf2
35.Re5 Rf3 36.Nd1 Kd7 37.e5 Bc7
38.Rh5 b6 39.Kc2 bc5 40.Rc5 Bb6
41.Rc3 f5 42.Rd3 Ke6 43.Rc3 Kd6
44.Rd3 Kc7 45.Kd2 Rg3 46.Ke2
Rg4 47.Kf3



47...Bc5 48.Rc3 Bd6 49.Rd3
Rg3 50.Kf2 f4 51.Rc3 fe3 52.Ne3
Bf4

Black's last six moves have clar-
ified the situation quickly.

53.Nd1 Rc3 54.Nc3 Bd6
55.Nb1 Kb6 56.Ke3 Kb5 57.Kd4
Ka4 58.Kc4 a5 59.Nd2 Ka3
60.Ne4 Bb4 61.Nf2 Ka2 62.Nd3
Bd6 63.Kc3 a4 64.Kc2 Be7

65.Ne5 c5 66.Nc4 Bf6 67.Nb6 Ka3
68.Nc4 Kb4 69.Ne3 Bd4 70.Nd5
Kb5 71.Nc7 Kc4 72.Na8 a3
73.Nb6 Kb5 0:1

Sicilian B53

Noe de la Cruz (Unr.)

Omer Haldun 2318

Southwest Open (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4
4.Qd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bc6 Bc6
7.Bg5!?

7...Nc3 and 7.c4 are well known.
Haldun reacts sensibly to the new
move.

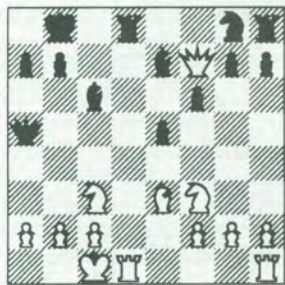
7...f6 8.Bd2 e5 9.Qe3 d5 10.ed5
Qd5 11.Nc3 Qc5?!

This appears to be at the root of
Black's future misfortunes. 11...Qf7
12.0-0-0 Ne7 smoothly completes
Black's development, leaving him
with extra space and two Bishops.

12.Qe2 0-0-0 13.0-0 Be7

13...g6 14.Be3 Bh6?? loses to
15.Rd8 Kd8 16.Qd2 +-.

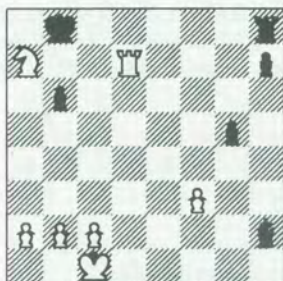
14.Be3 Qa5 15.Qc4 Kb8 16.Qf7



16...Bf8 17.Nd2 Qb4 18.Nb3
Qe7 19.Rd8 Qd8 20.Na5 Ne7
21.Nc6 Nc6 22.Rd1 Qe7 23.Qd5 f5
24.f4 g5

Black plays a desperate pawn sac
to complete his development. The
alternative 24...g6 leaves Black dan-
gerously passive after 25.fe5 Qe5
(25...Bg7 26.Qd6 ±) 26.Qe5 Ne5
27.Nb5! b6 (forced) 28.Rd8 Kb7
29.Bf4 Nc6 (29...Bg7 drops a pawn
to 30.Rd5) 30.Rd7 Ka6 31.a4 ±.

25.fe5 f4 26.Bd4 Nd4 27.Qd4
Bg7 28.Nb5 b6 29.Qd7 Qd7
30.Rd7 Be5 31.Na7 f3 32.gf3 Bh2



33.Nc6 Kc8 34.Ra7 Re8
35.Rh7 Re2 36.Kd1 Rf2 37.Ne7
Kd7 38.Nd5 Kc6 39.Nb4 Kb5
40.Nd3 Rg2 41.Re7 Bg1 42.Re4
Rh2 43.Re2 Rh1 44.Re1 Kc4
45.Nc1 Kd4 46.Ne2 Ke3 47.Ng1
Kf2 48.Re2 Kg3 49.Re1 Kf2
50.Kd2 Rh6 51.Rc1 Rd6 52.Kc3
Rh6 53.Kd3 b5 54.a3 Rh4 55.c4
bc4 56.Rc4 Kg1 57.Rg4 Kf2
58.Rg5 Kf3 59.Rf5 Kg4 60.Rf1
Rh2 1:0

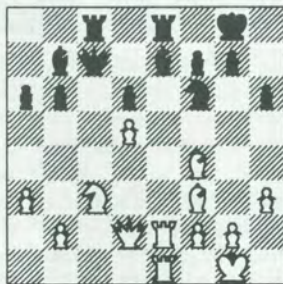
Queen's Indian E12

Bill Stouffer 2125

Josh Turin 2011

Southwest Open (2)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.a3
Bb7 5.Nc3 Be7 6.d5 0-0 7.e4 ed5
8.cd5 d6 9.Be2 c6 10.0-0 cd5
11.ed5 Nbd7 12.h3 Ne5 13.Bf4
Nf3 14.Bf3 Rc8 15.Re1 Re8
16.Qd2 a6 17.Re2 h6 18.Rae1 Qc7



19.Bh6! gh6 20.Qh6 Qd7
21.Ne4 Nh7 22.Bg4 Qd8 23.Bf5
Nf8 24.Bc8 Bc8 25.Nf6 1:0

Round 3

The clash of senior masters on top
board showcased the endgame tal-
ents of top-ranked F. Garmendez.
Dunning-Ardaman was a terrific
fight which ended in a standstill.
Benko Gambit fans should check
out the theoretical debate which
Black won in Sarkisian-Moss.

Pirc Defense B08

John Readey 2404

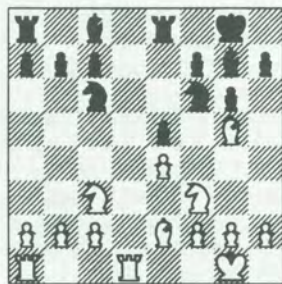
Florentino Garmendez 2468

Southwest Open (3)

1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 d6
4.Be2 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.0-0 e5

This move has a bad reputation,
because White has saved a tempo for
development (Nc3 without c4)
compared to the exchange KID.

7.de5 de5 8.Qd8 Rd8 9.Bg5
Re8 10.Rfd1 Nc6!?



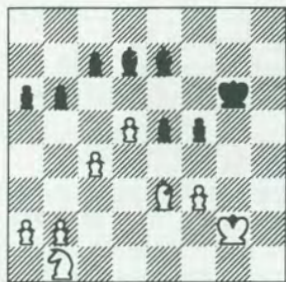
This looks like an improvement
over 10...Bg4 11.h3 Bf3 12.Bf3 Nc6
13.Nb5 Δ c3 ±. A cute trap is
10...h6? 11.Bf6 Bf6 12.Nd5 Bd8
13.Ne5! Re5 14.Nb6 +.

11.h3

Readey loses the thread some-
where, and makes one concession
after another. Here is an assertive
alternative: 11.Bf6 Bf6 12.Nd5 Bd8
13.Rd2 Bg4 14.Rad1 Bf3 15.Bf3

Nd4 16.c3 Nf3 17.gf3 c6 18.Ne3 Bg5 19.Rd7 +=.

11...a6 12.Be3 h6 13.Bc4 Na5 14.Bf1 b6 15.Nd2 Be6 16.f3 Bf8 17.Nb3 Nc4 18.Bc4 Bc4 19.Rd2 Red8 20.Rad1 Rd2 21.Nd2 Be6 22.Ndb1 h5 23.Kf2 Be7 24.g4 hg4 25.hg4 Kg7 26.Nd5 Nd5 27.ed5 Bd7 28.c4 Rh8 29.Kg2 f5 30.gf5 gf5 31.Rh1 Rh1 32.Kh1 Kg6 33.Kg2



33...f4 34.Bf2 Bf5 35.Nd2 Bd3 36.a3 Kf5 37.Kh3 e4 38.fe4 Be4 39.Bd4 b5 40.cb5 ab5 41.Nb3 Bd5 42.Nc5 Bc4 43.b3 Bc5 44.Bc5 Bb3 45.Kg2 Ke4 46.Kf2 f3 47.Be7 Bd5 48.Bf8 Kd4 49.Be7 c5 0:1

English A35
John Dunning 2363
Miles Ardaman 2451

Southwest Open (3)

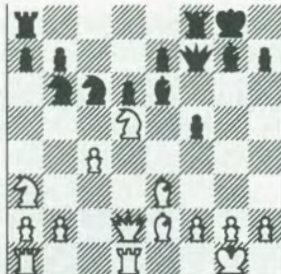
1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.Nf3 cd4 5.Nd4 Nc6 6.e3 6.Nc2 Bc3! =; 6.Nc6 bc6 =.

The text can lead, after a later e3-e4, to a Sicilian where White has sacrificed a tempo.

6...Nf6 7.Nc2 0-0 8.Be2 d6 9.0-0 Be10.e4 Nd7

10...Rc8 11.Bd2 Nd7 12.Rc1 a6 13.Re1 Nce5 14.b3 Nc5 15.Rb1 Bd7 = Reshevsky-Szabo, Buenos Aires 1960.

11.Be3 Nb6 12.Na3 f5 13.ef5 gf5 14.Qd2 Qe8 15.Rfd1 Qf7 16.Nd5



16...Nd5 17.cd5 Bd5 18.Qd5 Qd5 19.Rd5 Bb2 20.Nc2 Ba1 21.Na1 Rac8 22.f4 b6 23.Bc4 Kg7 24.Rd1 Rc7 25.Nb3 Nb4 26.Be2 Na2 27.Nd4 Kf6 28.Nb5 Rd7 29.Bd4 Kg6 30.Bc4 Nb4 31.Be6 Rb7 32.Rb1 Nd3 33.Rf1 Nc5 34.Bd5 Rd7 35.Bc6 Rdd8 36.Na7 e6 37.Rb1 Rf7 38.Nb5 Re7 39.Re1 Rc8 40.Bf3 Rd8 41.Rc1 DRAW

Mike wanted it known, if I published his losses, that he knows nothing about the Scheveningen! Actually, he shows a facility with many of the ideas, but "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing" – especially when you are pushing pawns in front of your King.

Sicilian B85
Michael Simpson 2089
Eric Dimazana 2155

Southwest Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cd4 5.Nd4 Qc7 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Be3 Be7 9.f4 d6 10.Bf3 0-0 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.Nb3 Rab8 13.g4 Bc8 14.Qe1 b5 15.a3 Bb7 16.Rd1

There is no point in endlessly deferring the g4-g5 push, because it is actually required to stop ...d6-d5. Once Black achieves that counterthrust, it's all downhill.

16...Rfe8 17.Qg3 Bf8 18.Rg1 b4 19.ab4 Nb4 20.Qf2 d5 21.Nc5 Bc5 22.Bc5 Ne4! 23.Ne4 de4 24.Bb4 Qf4 25.Rg3 Red8 26.Rd8 Rd8 27.Qb6 Rd7 28.Qc5 h6 29.Be2 e3 30.Rg2 Rd1 0:1

Benko Gambit A57
Drew Sarkisian 2201
Larry Moss 2200
Southwest Open (3)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cb5 a6 5.f3 ab5 6.e4 Qa5 7.Bd2 b4

Fedorowicz calls this "the lesser evil" compared to 7...Qb6?! 8.Nc3 b4? (8...d6! 9.Bb5) 9.Na4 Qa5 10.Nc5! as in Timoshenko-Binham, Helsinki 1986.

8.Na3 d6 9.Nc4 Qc7(?)

9...Qa7! is a hotly debated line:

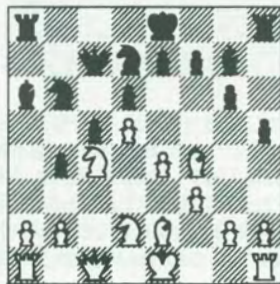
(a) 10.a4 Nbd7 11.a5 Ba6 12.Qa4 Rb8 13.Bg5 Kd8! 14.Qc2 g6 15.b3 Bg7 16.Ra2 Ne8 17.Nh3 h6 18.Bc1 Bc3 19.Bd2 Bd4 20.Bd3 Nc7 21.Nf4 Ne5 =+ Hjartarson-Hertneck, Munich 1993;

(b) 10.a3 g6 11.Bd3 Bg7 12.Ne2 0-0 13.0-0 ba3 14.Ra3 Qb7 15.Nc3 Na6 16.Qa1 Nd7 17.f4 Nb6 18.Na5 Qc7 19.Nc6 c4 20.Be2 Bb7 21.Be3 Bc6! 22.Ra6 Bd7 23.Bb6 Qb6! = Gelfand-Adams, Munich 1993.

10.Bf4?!

White should open the queenside before Black completes his development. 10.a3! ba3 11.Ra3 Ra3 12.ba3 g6 transposes to M. Gurevich-Hertneck, Munich 1993: 13.Qa4! Nfd7 14.Bc3 f6 15.Bd3 Bh6 16.Ne2 0-0 17.0-0 f5? (17...Ne5 18.Be5! += Stohl) 18.ef5 gf5 19.Qc2 Ne5 20.Ne5 de5 21.Ng3 Be3 22.Kh1 f4 23.Bh7 Kh8 24.Qg6! e6 25.Nh5! 1:0.

10...Nbd7 11.Ne2 Nb6 12.Ng3 g6 13.Qc1 h5 14.Be2 Nfd7 15.Nf1 Bg7 16.Nfd2 Ba6



17.a3 Nc4 18.Nc4 Bc4 19.Bc4
ba3 20.Ra3 0-0

Black has an enduring structural edge.

21.0-0 Nb6 22.Ra8 Ra8 23.b3 Nc4 24.Qc4

24.bc4 Ra2 is passive, but better than the game continuation. White's position now is like a leaky boat.

24...Bd4 25.Kh1 Qb6 26.h3 Rb8 27.Rb1 Qa5 28.Qc2 Qb5 29.Qd1 Bf6 30.g3 c4 31.b4 c3 32.Qc2 Ra8 33.g4 hg4 34.hg4 Ra4 35.Kg1

White declines to be the butt of a brilliancy with 35.Qb3 Qe2! 36.Qa4 Qf3 37.Kh2 Qf4 38.Kh3 (38.Kg2 Qe4 and ...Qb1) 37...Be5! with mate to follow.

35...Bd4 0:1

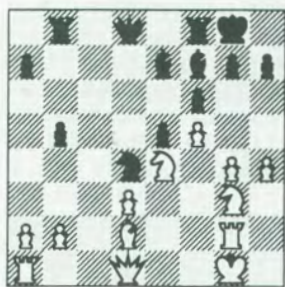
English A34

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Southwest Open (3)

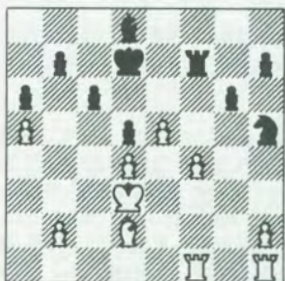
1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cd5 Nd5 6.Nc3 Nc7 7.0-0 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Nd2 Bd7 10.Nc4 0-0 11.f4 f6 12.f5 Rb8 13.Ne3 Nd4 14.g4 b5 15.Bd2 Be8 16.Ne4 Bf7 17.h4 Nd5 18.Rf2 Nf4 19.Nf1 Ng2 20.Rg2 c4 21.Nfg3 cd3 22.ed3



22...Bd5 (I like 22...Qd7 here, with Rbc8 and Bd8-b6 to follow.) 23.Be3 Qd7 24.Rf2 Rbc8 25.b3 Bc5 26.Ne5 Re5 27.g5 Qc6 28.Bd4 ed4 29.Qg4 Rc1 30.Rc1 Qc1 31.Kh2 Qe3 32.Re2 Qf3 (32...Qd3

33.gf6 Rf6 34.Nh5 Rf7 35.Re8 +-)
33.Qd4 fg5 34.Rf2 1:0

On board 10 I had trouble converting the Exchange against local talent George De La Rosa (1835).



Having played 47.Rcf1, I offered a draw! Black can just play 47...Rf5 and shuffle with ...Ng7-h5, etc..

Round 4

A top board draw marred the last perfect score, but Florentino Garmendez was still the clear leader with 3.5. It is a rare Texas tournament where Ardaman scores only three points in four rounds!

Moss-Dunning on board two was a seven move draw. On board three, Dimazana lost the thread of the game early, sacked a piece to keep some initiative and was soundly swatted down by Readey.

At the round's conclusion, five players were tied at 4-1: Espinoza, Ardaman, Readey, Dunning and a dark horse, Larry Moss.

Nimzovich Defense B00
Florentino Garmendez 2468
Miles Ardaman 2451

Southwest Open (4)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.c3 e6 5.Bd3 Bd3 6.Qd3 Qh4 7.Nf3 Qg4 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Re1 h5 10.h3 Qf5 11.Qf5 Nf5 12.Nbd2 a5 13.Nf1 h4 14.Ne3 Nce7 15.Ng4 b6 16.Bg5 c5 17.Red1 Nc6 18.Ne3 Ne3 19.fe3

Be7 20.Rf1 Ra7 21.Rad1 Bg5 22.Ng5 Rh5 23.Nf3 f6 24.ef6 gf6 25.Rfe1 f5 26.dc5 bc5 27.c4 Ne7 28.cd5 ed5 29.Rc1 Rc7 30.Nd4 Kd7 31.Nb3 Kd6 32.Red1 a4 33.Nd2 Rh6 34.e4 d4 35.b3 ab3 36.ab3 Kd7 37.ef5 Nf5 38.Ne4 Ne3 39.Rd2 Rhc6 40.b4 DRAW

A big win for Espinoza displays his endgame technique:

Nimzovich Defense B00
Omer Haldun 2318
Rafael Espinoza 2460
Southwest Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5

Some players prefer the move order 5...e6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5, which avoids the 7.Nd5 line. Of course, Black must be prepared for Four Knights variations with 6.Nc6 bc6 7.e5 or 6.Be2!? Bb4 7.0-0.

6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Qa5!? 10.Bd2 Qd8



This is one way to ask White if he has peaceful intentions. If not, there are several continuations, some of them very warlike:

(a) 11.Bd3 Nd5 12.ed5 Ne7 13.c4 g6 14.cb5 Bg7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Bc4 f5 17.Bg5 h6 18.Be7 Qe7 with comp, Gulko-Goldin, USSR 1975;

(b) 11.c4!? (Müller) Ne4 12.cb5 Be6! (an improvement on 12...Ne7) 13.Bc4 Ne7 14.Be3 Qa5 15.Ke2 Rc8 16.Rc1 Nd5 17.Bd5 Rc1 18.Bc1 Qa3! -/+ Zapata-Ochoa, Havana 1983;

(c) 11.Nf6 Qf6 . . .

(c1) 12.Bd3 d5! 13.ed5 Nb4 14.Be4 Qh4 15.Qf3 Bg4 16.Qg3 (16.Qe3!? Tal) Qg3 17.hg3 f5 18.c3 fe4 19.cb4 Rd8 = Smyslov-Kuzmin, USSR 1977;

(c2) 12.c4 Qg6 13.f3 Be7 14.cb5 Bh4 15.g3 Bg3 16.hg3 Qg3 17.Ke2 Nd4 18.Ke3 f5, and now best seems ChessMachine's move 19.Nc4 clearing the smoke. 19.Bc3 was played in Radulov-Cobo, Havana 1969, when 19....fe4 20.Bd4 ed4 21.Qd4 Qf3 22.Kd2 Qh1 23.Qg7 should have lost to 23...Qh2 24.Be2 Qe5 - Parma.

11.Bg5!? (=?) Be7 (No thanks!) 12.Bf6 Bf6 13.c3 Bb7!?

This is a bit unusual (0-0, Be6, Ne7 and Bg5 are common) but it can be found after 13...0-0 14.Nc2. Chekovsky-Gurgenidze USSR 1982, continued 14...Bb7!? 15.Be2 Nb8 (15...Bg5!?) 16.Qd3 Nd7 17.Rd1 Nc5 18.Qf3 Bg5 19.Nce3 Be3 20.Qe3 Rc8 and now 21.0-0 is +=.

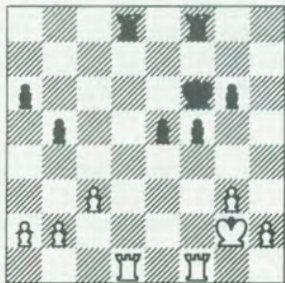
14.Nc2 Bg5 15.Nce3?!

Black is given what he wants without a struggle. Better seems 15.Qd3 Ne7 16.Ncb4.

15...Be3 16.Ne3 Ne7 17.Bd3 0-0 18.0-0 d5 19.ed5 Nd5 20.Qc2 Ne3 21.Bh7 Kh8 22.fe3 Qg5! 23.Bf5

23.Rf5 Qe3 24.Kh1 Be4 25.Rh5 Bc2 26.Bc2 Qh6 -/+.

23...g6 24.Bh3 Qe3 25.Qf2 Qf2 26.Kf2 Rad8 27.Rad1 f5 28.g3 Kg7 29.Bg2 Bg2 30.Kg2 Kf6



If only White's h-pawn were on f2, the game would be drawish.

31.h4 e4 32.Kf2 g5 33.hg5 Kg5 34.Ke3 Rh8 35.Rd4 Rdf8 36.a4 ba4

There is no point in complicating with 36...Rh3 37.Re4.

37.Ra4 Rf6 38.g4

White also loses after 38.Rfa1 Rh3 39.Ra6 Rg3 40.Kd4 Ra6 41.Ra6 Rd3 42.Ke5 Rd8 Δ ...Re8 and ...f4.

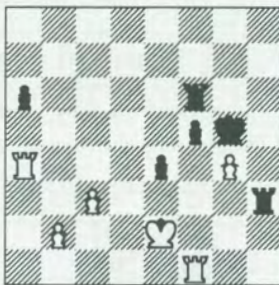
38...Rh3

38...Kg4?? 39.Rg1 and 40.Rh1 +.

39.Ke2 Rh2

Just a little repetition to make time control.

40.Ke3 Rh3 41.Ke2



41...Rb6 42.Rf5 Kg4 43.Rf2 Rb2 44.Kf1 Rh1 45.Kg2 Rh2 46.Kh2 Rf2 47.Kg1 Kf3 48.Ra6

Black wins the K+P ending after 48.Re4 Ke4 49.Kf2 Kd3 by a tempo.

48...Rc2 49.Rf6 Ke3 50.c4

50.Rc6 Kd3 51.Kf1 Rc1!

50...Rc4 51.Kf1 Rc1 52.Kg2 Ke2 53.Ra6 Rc2 54.Ra1 Rd2 55.Ra3 Ke1 56.Kg1 Rd3 57.Ra1 Ke2 58.Kg2 e3 59.Ra2 Ke1 60.Ra1 Rd1 61.Ra3

Of course, 61...e2 62.Ra2 Rd8 is also winning cleanly.

61...Rd2 62.Kf3 e2 63.Ra1 Rd1 64.Ra2 Rd3 65.Kg2 Rd8 0:1

66.Ra1 Kd2 67.Ra2 Ke3 68.Ra3 Rd3 69.Ra1 Rd1 70.Ra3 Kd4, etc.

What starts out as a peaceful looking game between fellow Austinites heats up after Queens come off

to produce one of the nicest combinations of the tournament.

French Defense C00

Mike Calogridis 2207

Bill Stouffer 2125

Southwest Open (4)

1.e4 e6 2.g3

This looks like a nod of respect to Stouffer's Winawer French, which he used to beat Robert Weinberg at this year's Lone Star Open.

2...d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.ed5 e5 5.d4 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Bf5 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.a4

What's going on here? It looks like an extreme measure to loosen up the long diagonal. Perhaps Black reasons, "I won't play 9...a5 because that's just what he wants me to do." But maybe it's what he should do.

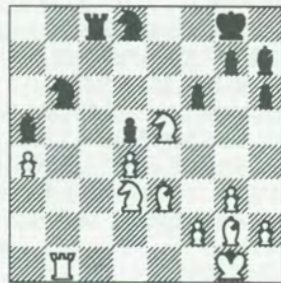
9...h6 10.a5 c6 (10...a6!) 11.a6 Qb6 12.Re1 Rfe8 13.ab7 Qb7 14.Nf1 Ne4 15.c3 Bf6 16.Ne3 Bh7 17.Qa4 Nb6 18.Qa6 Nd6 19.Qb7 Nb7 20.Ng4 Re1 21.Ne1 Be7 22.Ne5 Nd8 23.b3 a5

Too late!

24.c4 a4 25.cd5 cd5 26.ba4 Bb4 27.N1d3 Ba5 28.Rb1 Rc8 29.Be3!

White elicits the reply . . .

29...f6



30.Rb5!

Forced, but pretty.

30...fe5 31.Ne5 Nb7 32.Rb6 Bb6 33.Bd5

White's cultivation of the long diagonal bears fruit. Now 33...Kh8?

drops the Rook after 34.Nf7 Kg8 35.Nd6 and 36.Nc8.

33...Kf8 34.Nd7! Ke8 35.Nb6 Rc7 36.Bf4 Re7 37.Be5

White's Bishops are awesome.

37...Na5 38.Nc8 Rd7 39.Be6 Rd8 40.Bg7 Bc2 41.Bf6 1:0

Sicilian B21

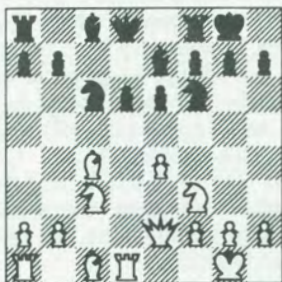
J. C. Thompson 2118

Hipolito Rodriguez (Unr.)

Southwest Open (4)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 dc3 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.0-0 e8 8.Qe2 Be7 9.Rd1 0-0?!

Correct was 9...e5.



10.Bf4!?

Gufeld gives 10.e5 Ne8 11.ed6 Bd6 12.Nb5 Qe7 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 ±. But the text is by no means bad.

10...Nh5

10...a6 is troubled by 11.e5, and if 11...Nh5 12.Be3 d5 then 13.g4 +.

11.Bd6 Bd6 12.e5 Bd7

Playable is 12...Nf4! 13.Qe4 Ne5 14.Ne5 f6! 15.Nb5 (or 15.Nd3 f5 16.Qe3 Qh4!) 15...Be5! 16.Rd8 Rd8 with ample compensation for the Queen, e.g., 17.g3 Bb2 18.Rb1 Nh3 19.Kg2 Ng5.

13.Rd6 Nf4?

This tosses the game, although after 13...Qe7 14.Rad1 Black is in an ugly bind.

14.Qd2 Nd5 15.Nd5 ed5 16.Qd5 Be6 17.Rd8 Bd5 18.Rf8 Kf8 19.Bd5 Rd8 20.Bc6 bc6 21.Kf1 Rb8 22.b3 Rb5 23.Re1 Ra5

24.a4 Ra6 25.Nd4 Ra5 26.Nc6 1:0

Round 5

On board one the top-ranked players clashed, with Espinoza defeating Garmendez' Petroff Defense in a struggle lasting 79 moves. I could make out only the opening from Espinoza's scoresheet (Garmendez' was not found): 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Ne5 d6 4.Nf3 Ne4 5.c4 Be7 6.d3 Nf7 7.d4 0-0 8.Nc3 d5 9.cd5 Nd5 10.Qb3 c6 11.Bd3 Nb4 12.Be4 Be6 13.Qd1 Bc4 14.Ne5 Ba6 15.a3 Nd5.

Ardaman had a brush with disaster on board two when he was outplayed by Larry Moss. But time pressure errors came to the rescue of the Texas champion and allowed him to pull out a nice swindle. Moss overstepped the time limit in a lost position.

Notes by FM Miles Ardaman

Sicilian B31

Miles Ardaman 2451

Larry Moss 2200

Southwest Open (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

Larry told me later that he hates to play against this. Lucky for me, I suppose, as Larry will spoil a winning position just before time control having spent too much time in game plan permutations.

3...g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1

Preparing a bed for the Bishop should he toil without spoils on the queenside.

5...Nf6

5...e5!? Δ Nge7, 0-0, f5.

6.a4

Inhibiting ...b5.

6...0-0 7.Na3 d6 8.h3

Played against ...Bg4. I considered 8.Bf1, but wanted, against 8...e6, to play 9.Bc6 and 10.e5 ±. Wishful!

8...Ne8!

Rerouting the Knight and freeing the f-pawn.

9.c3 Nc7 10.Bf1

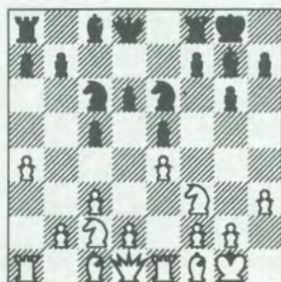
Back happy in the abbey serving counsel to the King – or do I have a fianchetto fetish?

10...e5!

Otherwise 11.d4 +=, e.g., 10...f5 11.ef5 gf5 12.d4 leaves Black exposed.

11.Nc2 Ne6

11...f5 12.ef5 gf5 13.d4 cd4 14.cd4 e4 15.Bg5! Bf6 (15...Qe8?! 16.d5) 16.Bf6 Qf6 17.d5! (17.Nh2? d5 -/+) ef3 18.dc6 fg2 19.Bg2 bc6 20.Bc6 Rb8 21.b4 +=; 11...d5! =.



12.b4!?

Played to deflect the Knight from c6 and achieve d2-d4.

12...b6

12...d5 was still a good play.

13.b5?

Why hurry when I can still cannot play my intended 14.d4 due to the fork at b3? Besides, I have a fine fianchetto with 13.Bb2 and can maintain tension.

13...Na5 14.Rb1!?

14.Bb2 c4 15.Ne3 Qc7 16.Nd5 Qb7 17.Ne3 Qc7 =; 14.Ne3 f5 15.d3 ∞.

14...d5! =+

Much stronger than 14...f5, which I had anticipated. White must now scramble to avoid greater inferiority.

15.ed5

Forced. 15.d3 de4 16.de4 Qd1 17.Rd1 Bb7 18.Re1 Rad8 -/+ with

dangerous pressure; 15.d4 ed4 16.cd4 de4 17.Re4 Bb7 and White fumbles the d-pawn.

15...Qd5 16.Ne3

Sadly, I had to abandon my ambition of pushing d4 with the sudden arrival of the Black Queen. Instead, I will camp in a King's Indian-like formation.

16...Qd6

16...Qa2?? 17.Rb2 Qa1 18.Qc2 Δ Rb1.

17.d3 Bb7

Threatening 18...e4. Not 17...e4? 18.de4 Qd1 19.Nd1.

18.Nd2 Rad8 19.Nec4

A distasteful decision to exchange Black's Knight on the rim, but it was blocking White's only avenue for counterplay.

19...Nc4 20.Nc4 Qc7 21.Qc2

Again, ...e4 was threatened.

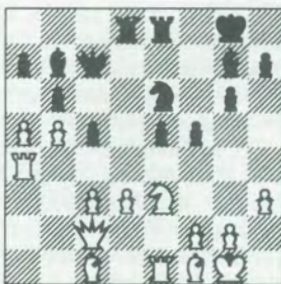
21...Rfe8 22.a5 f5 23.Ra1 Bd5 24.Ne3

The two Bishops would not compensate for the liability in pawn structure after ...Bc4.

24...Bb7

However, I would love the two Bishops without paying the peddler.

25.Ra4



Intending to double if not in trouble in the middle. Such maneuvers benefit from a pawn tension such as here where the file may be opened opportunely.

25...Kh8

Wisely avoiding possible complications along the a2-g8 diagonal.

26.h4?!

Against best play, I am sure this merely weakens my own King position. With only five minutes for 15 moves, though, Black needs fewer foci in his attention space, not more. My intention: smudge the King's wing with a possible h5, Rh4.

26...Nf4?!

Wrong only because it delays 26...e4 27.h5? ed3 28.Bd3 Nf4 -/+ when the Knight really does some damage.

27.g3

Finally, a fianchetto!

27...Nd5

27...Nh5 (Δ ...f4) 28.Nc4 (better is 28.Ng2 keeping close to the King) e4 29.ab6 ab6 30.Bg5 Ng3! 31.Bd8 Rd8 + when all the King's men will have a titanic task re-assembling Humpty-Dumpty.

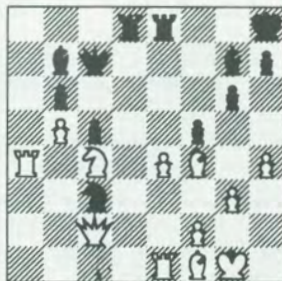
28.Nc4

33.Qd1? e4! 34.Bf3 Rd3 35.Qd3 ed3 36.Ba8 Re1 →) Rd7 34.Qd1 ∞ is sufficiently smudged, but more simplified than the game.

28...e4! 29.ab6 ab6 30.de4?

Again, objectively questionable, though I must admit I thought the following diagram to be totally unclear. 30.Ra3 or 30.Bd2 would leave a balanced position.

30...Nc3 31.Bf4



I remember feeling satisfied that I'd sharpened the struggle and Larry would let something go at

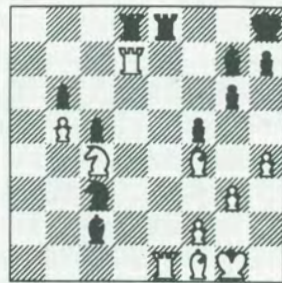
any point now. After all, ten moves to make in two minutes in this position? A Random reality soon seized me. [*Bad slice of pizza? - Ed.*]

31...Qf7! =+

Larry's not letting go. His tenacity was terrifying!

31...Qc8? 32.Ra7 Be4 33.Qc1 Δ Rg7, Bh6, Nb6, Nd6;

31...Qd7? 32.Ra7 Be4 (Nb5 33.Nb6 +) 33.Rd7 Bc2



34.Nd6!! +;

31...Qe7 32.Bg5 Be4 (32...Bf6? 33.Bf6 Qf6 34.e5 +).

32.Ra7

Played after a 20-minute ponder. Other moves are worse or leave a stale position with prospects only for Black: 32.e5?? Qd5! (howdy!); 32.Nb6 Na4 33.Na4 Be4 34.Qc5 Qb3! (Δ Qf3 - howdy!); 32.Ne5 Re5! 33.Qc3 Re4 -+; 32.Nd6 Rd6 33.Bd6 Na4 -/+, etc.

32...Nb5! 33.Rb7

With further material investment, I bank on the certain amount of activity generated and Black's ever-rising flag. In a hurry we witness a flurry.

33...Qb7 34.Bg2 Nd4 35.Qb1 Qa6

35...fe4!?

36.Nd6 Ne2

36...Rd6 37.Bd6 Ne2 38.Kh2 Nc3 + would win most easily. The text proffers too much cheapo potential.

37.Re2

Forced. White cannot allow ...Nf4.

37...Qe2

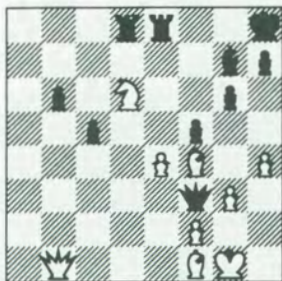
37...Rd6! again would wrench away any play for which White was wishing.

38.Bf1

Sotto voce the King tells counsel, "Query the Queen, 'Where dost thou find respite?', and let us pray she hears not the calls of her own counsel!"

38...Qf3??

Alas, she proves deaf. 38...Qb2 → pays heed.



39.Nf7 Kg8 40.Qa2! +-

With queenly grace and dirty face, Black's own Queen having abandoned the arena, his King must abdicate facing such a menace, e.g. Ng5, Nd8 or the smothering beginning with Nh6. Lady Luck.

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Black is getting mated after 40...Kf8 41.Bd6! Rd6 42.Nd6 Ke7 (42...Re7 43.Qa8) 43.Ne8 Ke8 44.Qe6 Kd8 (44...Kf8 45.Bc4 +-) 45.Qd6 Ke8 (45...Kc8 46.Ba6 mate) 46.Bb5 Kf7 47.Qc7 Kf8 (47...Kf6 48.e5 Ke6 49.Bc4 +-) 48.Qd8 Kf7 49.Bc4 mate - Ed.

Readey declines a pawn on board 3:

QGD Tarrasch D34

John Readey 2404

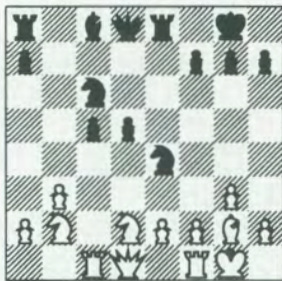
John Dunning 2363

Southwest Open (5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cd5 ed5 6.d4 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.b3 Ne4 10.Bb2 Bf6

11.Na4 Re8 12.Rc1 b6 13.dc5 Bb2

14.Nb2 bc5 15.Nd2



This is a critical position for the 9.b3 attack on the Tarrasch. As usual, Black is structurally inferior but has dynamic counterplay.

15...Ba6?!

This should lose a pawn. ECO gives 15...Qf6 16.Ne4 de4 17.Na4 Ba6 (or 16...Bg4 17...Bg4 18.Qd2 Rad8 19.Qe3 Nd4 20.Rfe1 Qa6 21.Bf1 Qa5 22.Qc3 Qa6 =) 18.Qd2 Rad8 19.Qe3 Nd4 20.Rfe1 Nf5 ∞ Kvachevsky-Klinger, Austria 1984.

16.Ne4 de4 17.Nc4?!

17.Rc5 Qf6 18.Nc4 Rad8 19.Rd5 ± Gorelov-Baikov, USSR 1985. If Black has an improvement, it isn't 17...Nb4 18.a3 Qd1 19.Rd1 Be2 20.ab4 Bd1 21.Nd1 Rab8 22.b5 ±.

17...Re6! 18.Qd8 Rd8 19.Rfd1 Rd1 20.Rd1 Bc4 21.bc4 Kf8 22.Rd5 Nb4 23.Rc5 Na2 24.Ra5 Nc3 25.Bf1 Rc6 26.e3 Rc7 27.Ra3 Nb1 28.Ra1 Nd2 DRAW

It's curious to see Sark the Shark playing against his own Leningrad Dutch system (well, not quite - he doesn't play 7...Nc6.) He seems to know exactly what he's doing.

Dutch Defense A89

Drew Sarkisian 2201

Bill Reuter 2383

Southwest Open (5)

1.d4 d6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Na5 9.b3!?

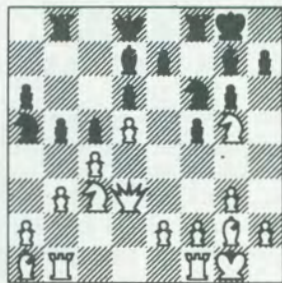
Now there's a move with a lot of . . . er, spunk. Black can take up the offer with 9...Ne4 10.Ne4 Ba1 11.Neg5 c5 12.Qe1 Bg7 13.Bd2 b6 14.e4 Nb7 15.ef5 gf5 16.Qe2 ∞ Udovich-Gufeld, Leningrad 1967.

Reuter dodges the trash and transposes to the main line.

9...c5 10.Bb2 a6 11.Qd3 Rb8 12.Rab1

Vukic offers 12.Nd2!?! ±. ECO gives 12.Rae1 b5 13.Ba1 bc4 14.bc4 Rb4 15.Nd2 Ng4 16.a3 Rb8 17.Qc2 Bd7 18.e3 Ne5 19.Ne2 Qe8 20.Rb1 Ba4 21.Qa2 Qd8 22.f4! ± Nikolac-Bertok, Yugoslavia 1969. But why move the QR to b1 in two moves when you can do it in one?

12...Bd7 13.Ba1 b5 14.Ng5



14...bc4 15.bc4 Rb1 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Ne6 Be6 18.de6 Rb8 19.Rb8 Qb8 20.Nd5 Nd5 21.Bg7

Again, Black is offered material in return for dark square hegemony on the kingside, i.e. 21...Nb4 22.Qc3 Na2 23.Qa1 Nb3, but there is rapid payback with interest: 24.Qb2 Nb4 25.Bh6 Nd4 26.e3 Nbc6 27.Qa1 +-.

21...Kg7 22.Bd5 Qb2 23.e4!

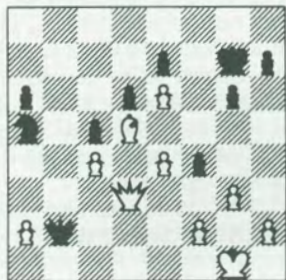
Black has a double headache: an immobile Knight which could get trapped, and a vulnerable e-pawn which has just become a little more accessible to White's Queen.

23...f4!?

Black seeks to block the Queen's highway to f7. The danger of opening up the position is seen after 23...fe4 24.Qe4 Qa2 25.Qf3 Qa1

26.Kg2 Kh6 27.g4! +-, while on 26...Qf6 27.Qa3 the Knight is trapped. However, the battle of Bishop versus pawns after 27...Nc4 28.Bc4 Qd4! is too close to call.

The safest defense appears to be 23...Qd4! 24.Qc2 fe4 25.Qc1 e3! 26.fe3 Qd3 27.e4 h6 28.Qf4 Qd1 = with a perpetual.



24.Qf3?!

The exclamation is because of the chance Black has to go astray, which he finds. But White has a risk-free win with 24.gf4! Qa2 25.Qc3 Kg8 26.e5 de5 27.f5! and Black's house is on fire: 27...gf5 (or 27...Qb1 28.Kg2 Qb4 29.f6!! ±) 28.Qg3 Kf8 29.Qe5 Kg8 30.Qb8 Kg7 31.Qd8 and Black's e-pawn must fall, with a new Queen soon to decide.

24...Qa2?

After 24...Qc1! 25.Kg2 Nc4 26.gf4 Nb6, Black stands better with his protected, advanced c-pawn and – most importantly – he has barred entry on the f-file.

25.Qf4 Qa1 26.Kg2 Qf6 27.Qe3 Qb2 28.Qf3 Qf6

Allowing 29.Qf7 and 30.Qe7 would speed Black's demise, so he buys a little time at the cost of a Knight

29.Qa3 Nc4 30.Bc4 Qd4 31.Qd3 Qd3 32.Bd3 Kf6 33.f4 Ke6 34.Bc4 Kf6 35.Ba6 g5 36.Kf3 h5 37.fg5 Kg5 38.h4 Kg6 39.Bc4 Kf6 40.Kf4 e6 41.e5! Ke7 42.ed6 Kd6 43.Ke4 1:0

The Reti continues to serve Bighamian poorly in this tournament.

Reti Opening A11

Mansour Bighamian 2364

Mike Calogridis 2207

Southwest Open (5)

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.c4 g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.d3

8.Qc2 Re8 9.Nc3 Nf8 10.d4 Bf5 11.Qc1 Ne4 12.Rd1 Nc3 13.Bc3 Be4 14.Ne1 Bg2 15.Kg2 += Botvinnik-Stahlberg, Moscow 1956.

8...Re8 9.Qc2

9.Nbd2 e5 10.cd5 cd5 11.Rc1 b6 12.Rc2 Ba6 13.Qa1 Nh5 14.Rfc1 Rc8 = Matulovic-Ciric, Yugoslavia 1960.

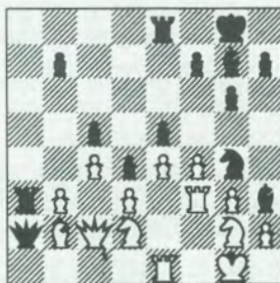
9...e5 10.e4 d4 11.Nbd2

White isn't ready for 11.b4 a5 12.a3 ab4 13.ab4 Ra1 14.Ba1 Bf8 15.c5 b6.

11...c5 12.Rae1 a5 13.Nh4?

This is serious. 13.a4 is necessary if ugly; then 13...Nb8 14.Re2 Nc6 15.Ne1 gives d3 plenty of coverage with chances to expand on the kingside. What's funny is that Calogridis' last victim also failed to stand up to an a-pawn thrust.

13...a4 14.Bf3 Nb8 15.Bd1 ab3 16.ab3 Nc6 17.Ng2 Nb4 18.Qb1 Qa5 19.f4 Qa2 20.Bc2 Bh3 21.Rf3 Ng4 22.Nf1 Nc2 23.Qc2 Ra3 24.Nd2



24...Bg2 25.Ra1

25.Kg2 Ne3 26.Rfe3 de3 27.Ra1 ed2 28.Ra2 Ra2 29.Qd2 ef4 +.

25...Qa1 26.Ba1 Ra1 27.Kg2 Ne3 28.Re3 de3 29.Nf3 Rea8 30.Qc3 ef4 31.e5 R8a2 32.Kh3 Rf1 33.Ne1 f3 34.Nf3 Rf3 35.d4 e2 0:1

Round 6

A surprise draw on board one makes for a dead heat, spurring the players with 3.5 scores to fight hard for a piece of the action.

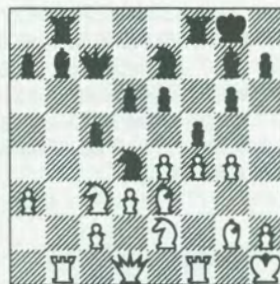
Closed Sicilian B25

Miles Ardaman 2451

Rafael Espinoza 2460

Southwest Open (6)

1.e4 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.Ne2 d6 6.Nbc3 e6 7.a3 Nge7 8.Rb1 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.b4 Bb7 11.f4 Rb8 12.Kh1 Qc7 13.bc5 bc5 14.Be3 Nd4 15.g4 f5



16.gf5 ef5 17.Qd2 d5 18.ed5 Ne2 19.Ne2 Nd5 20.Ng1 Qd6 21.Nf3 DRAW

Both Garmendez brothers succeeded in converting slim endgame edges using their queenside majorities.

Caro-Kann B19

Florentino Garmendez 2468

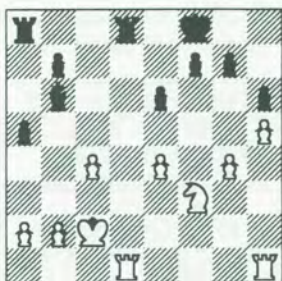
Drew Sarkisian 2201

Southwest Open (6)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 de4 4.Ne4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bd3

10.Qd3 e6 11.Ne4 Ngf6 12.Bd2
Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Kb1 a5 15.Nf6
Nf6 16.Ne5 Qd5 17.c4 Qe4 18.Qe4
Ne4 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.g4 c5 21.f3
cd4 22.Bd4 Bc5 23.fe4 Bd4
24.Nf3 Bb6 25.Kc2 Kf8

25...a4 26.Rd8 Rd8 27.b4 ab3
28.ab3 Ra8 29.Kb2 Kf8 30.Rd1 Ke7
31.Ne5 Rd8 32.Rd8 Bd8 33.b4 also
gives White winning chances.



26.Kb3! Ke7 27.Ka4 Rdc8
28.b3 Rc5 29.a3 Bc7 30.Rd3 Rd8
31.Rd8 Bd8 32.e5 Bc7 33.Re1 f5
34.gf5 ef5 35.Nh4 Ke6 36.Ng6 Bb8
37.Nf4 Ke7 38.Nd3 Rc6 39.Rg1
Kf7 40.Ka5 Bc7 41.Kb4 g5 42.hg6
Rg6 43.Rh1 Rb6 44.Kc3 Kg6
45.Re1 Kf7 46.Nf4 Ra6 47.e6 Ke8
48.Nd5 Bb8 49.Kd3 1:0

Benoni A43
Mike Calogridis 2207
Selby Anderson 2278

Southwest Open (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5

Mike spent some time on this; he seemed to have expected 2...e6. I in turn expected him to dodge the Benoni and play 3.e3, as he had done with success against Gallagher.

3...b5

3...d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Bb5 is the main line of the Schmid Benoni. The text assures that the game will not be boring.

4.Bg5

A perfectly good alternative is 4.c4, with a Benko Gambit declined.

4...Ne4!?

I'm playing by ear. There are several other good moves: 4...d6, 4...Qb6, 4...Qa5, 4...Bb7 and 4...g6.

5.Bh4

5.Qd3 Ng5 6.Ng5 h6 7.Nh7 ("±" ECO) Qa5 8.c3 d6 9.Nf8 Kf8 10.e4 += Wells-Buckmire, Oakham 1986.

5...Bb7!?

Batsford gives 5...Qa5 6.Nbd2 Bb7 7.a4 Bd5 8.ab5 Qc7 9.Ra4 += Kasparov-Miles, Basel match 1986. I found the game in *Informant 41*, and Kasparov dismissed my move with 6.Qd3 Nd6 7.e4 ±; but I was contemplating 6...Qa5 or 6...f5.

6.e3 g6 7.c3

7...Bb5?? Qa5 +.

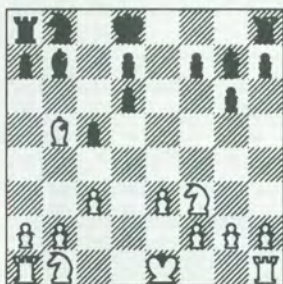
7...Bg7?!

Black dangles the b-pawn as bait, but it is really quite digestible. I didn't like 7...Qa5 or 7...Qb6 because the e-pawn would hang if I castled. Possible is 7...b4!? 8.cb4 Bg7 9.Qb3 with a complex position.

8.d6(!?)

After 8.Bb5! Qb6 9.Qb3 Nd6 10.Na3! Black has less counterplay than in a Benko Gambit. The text forces an endgame where Calogridis anticipated a large structural advantage, but I think he underestimated the dynamics at Black's disposal.

8...Nd6 9.Qd6 ed6 10.Bd8 Kd8 11.Bb5



This is a difficult position to evaluate. Black has the Bishop pair, but his double pawn complex is exposed to danger on the d-file, and

his King placement is awkward. I resolved to make d5 a strong point (if one could ever call it that) and eventually develop counterplay on the b-file and a1-h8 diagonal.

11...Na6 12.Nbd2

Gallagher suggested 12.Na3!? to keep the d-file unobstructed.

12...Nc7 13.Be2 Rb8

This is played to preserve the QB against exchange by Nb3-a5. Later the Rooks will have much to say.

At some point hereabouts, Ardaman walked by and I asked him what had happened. A draw! Now I had my second chance for a Southwest Open victory.

14.0-0 d5 15.Nb3 d6 16.Rhe1 Ke7 17.Nfd2 Rhd8 18.Bf3 f5 19.h4 Ba8

19...Bc6! is playable, because if White anchors a Knight on a5 and hitches up his mate at b3, their situation would be precarious.

20.g4 fg4 21.Bg4 Kf7 22.h5 Rb6 23.Kc2?

Second rank defense with 23.Nf3 Rdb8 24.Re2 is a much better try. After 24...Ra6 25.Kb1 Nb5 26.Ng5! the game is wildly complicated.

23...Rdb8 24.Rb1 Ra6 25.Nc1 Nb5!

The threat is 26...Bc3.

26.hg6 hg6 27.Be2 c4 28.Nf3

This may not be an oversight. After 28.Ra1 Rab6! 29.Rh1 Black crashes through: 29...Nc3! 30.bc3 Rb2 31.Kd1 Bc3 32.Nf3 R2b7 +.

28...Bc3 29.Rh1



29...Rab6! 30.a4 Na3 31.ba3 Rb1 32.Kc3 Ra1! 33.Ng5?

I wonder if I would have found the right move in my time pressure after 33.Kc2!

- (a) 33...Bc6? 34.Rh7 Kf6 35.Ra7;
- (b) 33...Rbb1? 34.Nd2;
- (c) 33...Kf6! 34.Nd4 Ra3 and

Black's a-pawn will decide matters.

33...Kf6 34.Rg1
Black threatened 34...d4.
34...Rbb1 35.Kc2

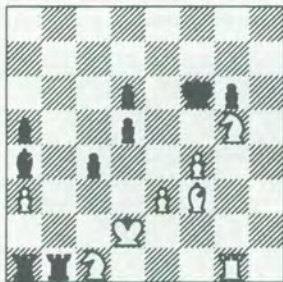
Or 35.Kd2 Ra3! (Δ 35...Rb2 36.Kd1 Bc6 with a mate net, as in the game) 36.Kc2 Rc1! -/+.

35...Bc6

Black can probably win the endgame after 35...Rc1 36.Rc1 Rc1 37.Kc1 Kg5, but I didn't have time to think about it. Besides, the text looked like a lot of fun!

36.f4 Ba4 37.Kd2 a5!
No escape is permitted.
38.Bf3

Mate in the middle follows 38.Rh1 Rb2! (not 38...Ra3? 39.Rh7 Be8 ∞) 39.Kc3 Rc2 40.Kd4 Rd2 41.Kc3 (41.Bd3 Rc1!) Re2 42.Rh7 Ra3 43.Kd4 Rd2, etc.



38...Ra3! 39.Rh1 Rb2 40.Ke1 Ra1 0:1

Tandem towers terminate the towheaded tyrant. (That's my contribution to the Miles Ardaman creative annotation competition!)

Omer Haldun is out of reach for the big bucks, but he defends the honor of his rating against a San Antonio

upstart, depriving Dimazana of a share in the top expert money.

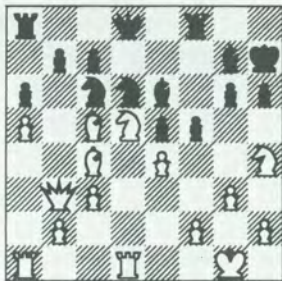
King's Indian A48

Omer Haldun 2318

Eric Dimazana 2155

Southwest Open (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nbd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.0-0 e5 7.c3 0-0 8.Nc4 Qe7 9.Re1 h6 10.a4 Nh5 11.a5 a6 12.g3 Nb8 13.Nh4 Nc6 14.de5 de5 15.Ne3 Nf6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Bc4 Kh7 18.Qb3 Ne8 19.Be3 Nd6 20.Bc5 f5 21.Red1 Be6



22.Nb6 Bc4

22...cb6 23.Rd6 Bc4 24.Qc4 Qg5 25.ab6 Rf6 26.Rd7 ±.

23.Nc4 Rf6 24.Bd6 cd6 25.Qb7 Rc8 26.Qa6 Rc7 27.ef5 gf5 28.Ne3 Ne7 29.Nd5 Nd5 30.Rd5 f4 31.Qd3 Kg8 32.Re5 fg3 33.fg3 Qb8 34.Qd5 Kh8 35.Re2 Qa7 36.Kg2 Rc7 37.Re8 Bf8 38.Qd4 Qb7 39.Kg1 Kg8 40.Re2 Qb5 41.c4 Qb4 42.Qd5 Kh7 43.Qb5 1:0

A queenside majority tips the scale:

Sicilian B22

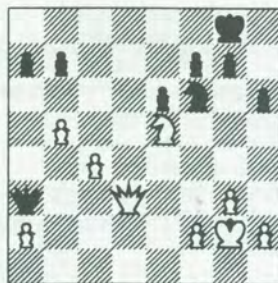
Carlos Garmendez 2297

Peter Kappler 2053

Southwest Open (6)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cd4 5.Qd4 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Qe4 d6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.ed6 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Nbd2 Ne5 13.Bd7 Nd7 14.Nc4 Be7 15.Nce5 Ne5

16.Ne5 Bd6 17.Nf3 Rfe8 18.c4 Nf6 19.Qe2 Bf4 20.Bf4 Qf4 21.Rd4 Qc7 22.Ne5 Red8 23.Rad1 Rd4 24.Rd4 Rd8 25.Rd8 Qd8 26.b4 Qd4 27.g3 h6 28.Kg2 Qc3 29.b5 Qa3 30.Qd3



30...Qd3

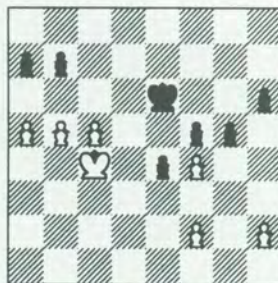
30...Qc5 31.Qd8 Kh7 (31...Qf8 32.Qc7 ±) 32.Nf7 Qc4?? 33.Qh8 Kg6 34.Ne5 +-;

30...Qe7 31.Qd4 b6 32.Nc6 Qc7 33.c5 Nd5 34.a4! Δ 35.a5 ±.

31.Nd3 Kf8 32.Kf3 Ke7 33.c5 Nd5 34.a4 Nc3 35.Nb2 f6 36.Ke3 e5

40...g5 41.Nb4 Nb4 42.Kb4 is also a lost K+P ending: 42...Kd5 43.c6 bc6 44.b6 ab6 45.a6 c5 46.Kb5.

37.Kd3 Nd5 38.Kc4 Ke6 39.a5 f5 40.Nd3 e4 41.Nf4 Nf4 42.gf4 g5



43.c6 b6 44.ab6 ab6 45.fg5 hg5 46.Kd4 Kd6 47.h3 Ke6 48.c7 Kd7 49.Ke5 g4 50.hg4 fg4 51.Ke4 Kc7 52.Ke5 1:0

First he wins the TCA presidency, then he wins the Expert prize. This

has been a sweet weekend for Mike Simpson!

Notes by Michael Simpson

Torre Attack D03
Larry Moss 2200
Michael Simpson 2089
Southwest Open (6)

Having beat Moss' roommates Bighamian and Reuter, I wanted to complete the sweep and assure myself of top expert.

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5

My hopes of entering a Slav were dashed!

3...c6

Anyway!

4.e3 Bf5 5.Be2?

White's play has justified Black's scheme. Better was 5.c4.

5...Qb6 6.Qc1

UGGH!

6...Nbd7

Black's plan is simple: (1) trade the white KB for a Knight; (2) disallow any pawn doubling; and (3) fight for e5 (and the Knight will end up there).

7.0-0 h6 8.Bf4 Nh5 9.Be5 Ne5 10.Ne5 Nf6 11.c4

Already!

11...e6 12.Nc3 Be7 13.c5!? Qc7

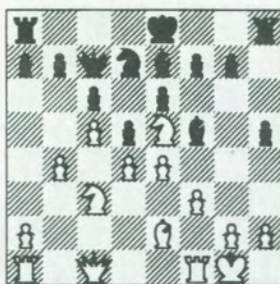
I allowed this, hoping that my play for e5 would not be hampered by tension on the queenside.

14.b4 h5!?

Disallowing 14...Nd7 15.Nd7 [15.f4!?!] Qd7 16.Bh5. [So what? I would prefer 16.b5 instead. 14...h5 looks like a wasted tempo - Ed.]

15.f3 Nd7 16.e4?!

This move created the complications I was hoping for. White is slightly better after 16.Nd7 Qd7.



16...de4 17.fe4[?]



TCA president Michael Simpson

The real test is 17.Nf7 Kf7 18.fe4 g6 ∞. [A generous assessment! After 19.ef5 ef5 20.d5! Qe5!? 21.dc6 bc6 22.Bc4 Kf8 23.Ne2 Δ Nf4, White stands better - Ed.]

17...Ne5 18.de5?

After 18.ef5 Ng4 Black obtains an initiative, but White has counter-chances. When I returned to the board and saw that my Bishop was still on f5, my heart filled with elation, for I knew that the victory was had. (This is my entry into the creative chess composition contest started by Ardaman in the last issue.)

18...Bg6 +- 19.Qf4 b6!

Immediately undermining the queenside pawns.

20.Rac1

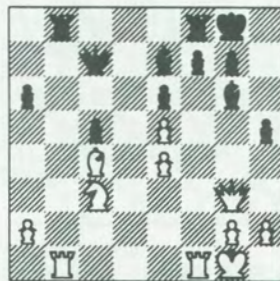
20.Na4 bc5 21.Nc5 Qb6 was no help.

20...bc5 21.b5!?! 0-0! 22.bc6 Qc6 23.Bb5 Qc7 24.Bc4 a6 25.Rb1

Moss spent 40 minutes on this move, presumably rejecting a piece sac on d5. That may have been the best practical try, however.

25...Rab8 26.Qg3

If 26.Ba6?? Qa5, but now both a6 and e6 are threatened.



26...Rb1 27.Rb1 h4 28.Qf4 Rd8 29.Ne2 Qc6

At this point Larry graciously resigned. Black will eventually win the e4 pawn and bring his second Bishop into the fray. [30.Nc3 Rd4! is not pleasant to contemplate.]

0:1

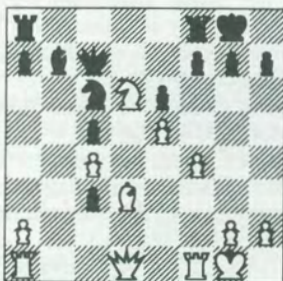
Nimxo-Indian E40

Bill Reuter 2383

Hipolito Rodriguez (Unr.)

Southwest Open (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.e3 Bc3!? 5.bc3 b6 6.Bd3 0-0
7.Ne2 Bb7 8.0-0 d6 9.Ng3 c5 10.e4
Qc7 11.f4 Nc6 12.e5 Nd7 13.Ne4
cd4 14.Nd6 dc3 15.Ba3 Nc5
16.Bc5 bc5



17.Bh7 Kh7 18.Qh5 Kg8 19.Rf3
Rfd8 20.Rh3 Kf8 21.Qh8 Ke7
22.Qg7 Kd7 23.Qf7 Ne7 24.Nb7
Qb7 25.Rd3 Kc6 26.Qe6 Kc7
27.Qe7 Kb8 28.Rd8 1:0

RESERVE GAMES

Benko Declined A57

Duane Solley 1595

W. Pete Gibson 1900

SWO Reserve (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.b3
b4 5.Nd2 g6 6.Bb2 Bg7 7.Qc2 d6
8.e4 Nbd7 9.Ngf3 0-0 10.Bd3 e5
11.0-0 a5 12.a3 Ra7 13.a4 Nh5
14.Rfe1 Nf4 15.Bf1 f5 16.g3 Nh5
17.Bg2 Ndf6 18.Nh4 f4 19.Qd3
Raf7 20.Nf1 fg3 (20...Ne8! Δ Bf6,
g5) 21.fg3 Ng4 22.Nf3 Rf6 23.Bc1
R8f7 24.Ng5 Rf8 25.Ne6 Be6
26.de6 Rf2 27.Be3 Ne3 28.Qe3
Qf6 29.Bh3 Rf3 30.Qd2 Nf4
(30...Rb3) 31.gf4 Rh3 32.Qd5 Kh8

33.Ra2 ef4 34.Qd6 Qg5 35.Rg2
Qh4 36.Rd1 Bd4 37.Rd4 1:0

Nine year-old Tsubasa Onozaki had a lift Saturday morning when his smiling face appeared in a *Dallas Morning News* feature on the junior chess scene. Also shown were Ira Schachar (age 11) and their mentor, SM Igor Shtern.

Although Tsubasa lost the following game, it was contested well enough for his opponent to put a star on the score copy for the editor.

Sicilian B70

David Walls 1581

Tsubasa Onozaki 1280

SWO Reserve (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.h3 Bg7
7.Be3 Nc6 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.a3 a6
10.Ba4 e6 11.Qd2 Qc7 12.b4 b5

Live and learn. Black stumbles on a stock type of Sicilian trap.

13.Bb5! ab5 14.Ndb5 Qb8
15.Nd6 Kf8 16.Bc5 Ne7 17.Qf4 e5

Of course, this is poison.

18.Qf3 Be6 19.0-0 Nd7 20.Qe3
Nc5 21.Qc5 Qa7 22.Qa7 Ra7
23.Rfd1 Bh6 24.Ncb5 Rd7 25.c4
Kg7 26.c5

The two Bishops aren't fast enough to stop this pawn trio.

26...Rhd8 27.Nc3 Rb8 28.b5
Rc7 29.c6 Rb6 30.Ne8 1:0

English A10

David Nightingale 1681

J. C. Yabraian 1940

SWO Reserve (5)

1.c4 f5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3
Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 d6 7.Nc3 Nc6
8.b3 Qe8 9.Bb2 Qh5 10.Nb5 Bd8
11.Qd2 a6 12.Nbd4 Nd4 13.Nd4
e5 14.Nf3 Bd7 15.Qg5 Qe8
16.Nh4? (16.Qd2) Ng4 17.Qd2
Bh4 18.g4 f4 19.Bb7 Rb8 20.Bd5
Kh8 21.h3 Nh6 22.Kh2 Qh5

23.Bg2 Qh4 24.f3 Qg3 25.Kh1 Bh3
26.Rg1 Rf5 27.Qe1 Bg2 28.Rg2
Rh5 29.Kg1 Qh3 30.d4 Nf5 31.de5
Ne3 32.Qf1 Nf1 33.Rf1 de5 34.Kf2
Qh4 35.Kg1 Rb6 36.Rd1 Qh1
37.Kf2 Qd1 38.Ba3 Rh1 0:1

QP Opening D02

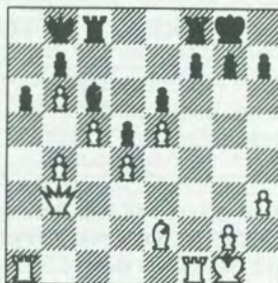
Miguel Baena 1928

Jessica Friesenhahn 1680

SWO Reserve (5)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.h3?! e6
4.Bf4 c5 5.e3 (5.c3) Qb6 6.b3 Bd7
6...cd4 7.ed4 Ne4! Δ 8...Bb4 -/+

7.Be2 cd4 8.ed4 Bd6 9.Bd6
Qd6 10.0-0 Nc6 11.c4 0-0 12.c5
Qc7 13.Nc3 a6?! (13...b6! 14.Nb5
Qf4 ∞) 14.Na4 Ne7 15.Nb6 Rad8
16.a4 Nc8 17.a5 Nb6 18.ab6 Qb8
19.Ne5 Rc8 20.b4 Be8 21.Qb3
Nd7 22.f4 Ne5 23.fe5 Bc6



24.b5 ab5 25.Bb5 f6 26.Bc6 Rc6
27.e6 Rf6 28.Rf6 gf6 29.Qf3 Kf7
30.Ra7 f5 31.Qh5 Kg7 32.Qg5 Kh8
33.Qe7 Qg8 34.Qf6 Qg7 35.Ra8
1:0

The next game has got to be the biggest swindle of the Reserve section.

Center Counter B01

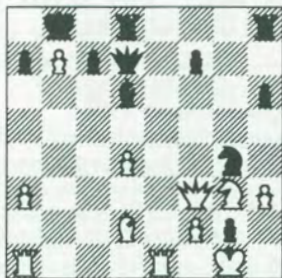
Jimmy Flaherty 1700

Ed Erwin 1900

SWO Reserve (5)

1.e4 d5 2.ed5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.de6
Be6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bc5 7.a3
Qe7 8.b4 Bc4 9.Be2 Be2 10.Ne2

Bd6 11.0-0 0-0-0 12.d4 h6 13.Bd2
g5 14.b5 g4 15.bc6 gf3 16.cb7 Kb8
17.Ng3 fg2 18.Re1 Qd7 19.Qf3
Ng4 20.h3



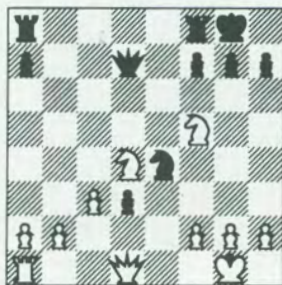
20...Nf2 21.Kf2 Rhg8 22.Ne2
Qe7 23.Bf4 Qh4 24.Bg3 Rg3
25.Ng3 Qd4 26.Kg2 Rg8 27.Rad1
Qg7 28.Rd3 Qb2 29.Qf2 Qg7
30.Rb3 f5 31.Qe2 Qd7 32.Kf1
(32.Kf2 +-) Bg3 33.Rd1 Qf7 34.Qf3
Bd6 35.Re1 Rg3 36.Qg3 Bg3
37.Rg3 f4 38.Rf3 Qh5 0:1 (time)

Sicilian B21

Mason Rose 1442
Jesse Vasquez 1704

SWO Reserve (5)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cd4 3.c3 d3 4.Bd3
Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nbd2 e5
8.Re1 Be7 9.Nf1 0-0 10.Ne3 d5?!
11.ed5 e4 12.dc6 ed3 13.cb7 Bb7
14.Nf5 Bc5 15.Be3 Be3 16.Re3
Be4 17.N3d4 Qd7? 18.Re4! Ne4



19.Qd3?

White wins with 19.Qg4, threaten-
ing both 19.Qg7 mate and 19.Nh6,
winning the black Queen.

19...Rfe8 20.Rd1 g6 21.Nh6
Kf8 22.f3 Nc5 23.Qc2 Rad8
24.Ng4 Ne4 25.h3 h5 26.Nh6 Ng3
27.Qf2 h4 28.b4 Re2 29.Ne2 Qd1
30.Kh2 Qh1 mate 0:1

Torre Attack D03

Charles McLaughlin 1900
W. Pete Gibson 1900

SWO Reserve (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7
4.Nbd2 d6 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nbd7
7.0-0 c5 8.c3 b6 9.Ne4 Bb7
10.Nfd2 Ne4 11.Ne4 Nf6 12.Nf6
ef6 13.Bf4 f5 14.Rb1 Re8 15.b4
Rc8 16.Qb3 Qd7 17.Rfd1 Ba8
18.bc5 dc5 19.Bb5 Qb7 20.d5
Red8 21.c4 Qe7 22.f3 Be5 23.Be5
Qe5 24.Qd3 Rd6 25.a4 Bb7 26.a5
Rcd8 27.ab6 ab6 28.Ra1 g5 29.Ra7
Bc8 30.e4 Rh6 31.g3 f4 32.g4 Rh4
33.Ra8 h5 34.Ba6 Qc7 35.d6 Qd7
36.Qd5 Rg4



37.Kf2 Rg2 38.Kg2 Qh3 39.Kg1
Qf3 40.Qg5 Kh7 41.Rf1 Qe3
42.Kh1 Qe4 43.Qg2 1:0

SOLUTION: 64...Be7!! 65.Ne7
(65.Kh5?? Qh1 mates; 65.Bf6 Qc1
66.Kh5 Qh1 67.Kg5 Qc6) 65...Qf4!
DRAW!!, since 66.Kf4 is stalemate,
and 66.Kh5 (or 66.Kh4) 66...Qh2 is a
perpetual check. Another endgame
study is to find the win (if any)
White missed in playing 64.Rg6-c6.

TEXAS OPEN

FLASH: Joe Bradford won the
Texas Open, held October 16-17 in
Austin. He scored 3.5 in the four-
round event, drawing IM Doug
Root in the last round. Tied for
second at 3-1 were Root, IM
Carlomagno Oblitas of Peru, and
SM John Readey of Austin, who
defeated Ardaman in the last round.

Mark Dejmek of Sugarland won
the top expert prize with 3-1, and
Peter Kappler or Austin tied with
David Naiser of San Marcos for
second expert with 2.5.

Don Coburn of Bryan won the
Under 2000 section with 4-0. Randy
Hess of Cypress was second with 3.
Allen Mauldin of Austin and
James Regan of San Antonio shared
1st-2nd Class B with 3-1.

Jimmy Irvin of Converse won
the Under 1600 section with 4-0.
Charles Hale of Austin came in
second with 3.5. The D/E/Unrated
prize was shared by John Hendrick
of New Braunfels, Balthazar
Rodriguez of Austin and Juan Soto-
Arrivi of Fort Worth with 2.5 each.

Bradford recommended the fol-
lowing game to me for publication.
I have assured Brady (who was not
so enthusiastic about seeing this in
print) that I will be on the look-
out for his next brilliant win.

King's Gambit C30

Randall Hess 1925
Wallace Brady 1841

Tx. Open U2000 (3)

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bc5 3.Nf3 d6 4.c3
Nf6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.Bc2 Nc6 7.d4 ed4
8.cd4 Bb6 9.0-0 Bg4 10.Be3 Bf3
11.Rf3 Ng4 12.e5 Ne3 13.Bh7!
Kh7? (13...Kh8! 14.Rh3 g6 15.Bg6
Kg7 16.Rh7! Kg8 17.Rh8! Kg7! =)
14.Rh3 Kg8 15.Qh5 f5 16.e6 1:0

*More games and annotations
will appear in the next issue.*

Alexey Root on the U.S. Women's Championship

Doug, 5.5 month old Clarissa and I flew to Bloomington, Illinois last August for the U.S. Women's Chess Championship. Clarissa slept through the opening ceremony and barely made it to the first round. However, by the end of my round one game with Belakovskaya, she was awake and hungry. In fact, I lost on time nursing her! (Actually, I was trying to decide whether to resign. Feeding Clarissa provided a noble alternative to tipping over my King.) Still, I began to wonder whether she would always want to be fed during time scrambles. I resolved to play faster.

Round three. Despite my intention to speed up, I got in time trouble. I cleverly asked for a draw. Julia refused, but then offered me a draw just before time control. Whew! This game was my best effort of the tournament.

Modern Defense A42

WIM Julia Tverskaya 2388

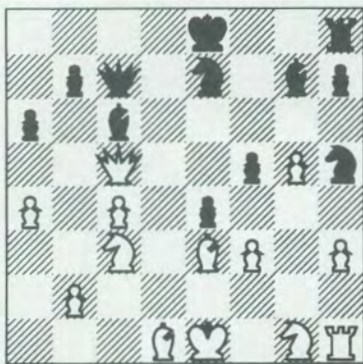
WIM Alexey Root 2239

U. S. Women's Chp. 1993 (3)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.Be2 f5 8.f3 Nf6 9.g4 c6 10.h3 Bd7 11.Qd2 a6 12.a4 (:36) Qa5 (1:00) 13.dc6 Bc6 14.ef5 gf5 15.g5 Nh5 16.Qd6 Rd8

Interesting is 16...Ng3 17.Rh2 e4 18.Qg3 Bc3.

17.Qc5 Qc7 18.Rd1 Rd1 19.Bd1 e4



20.fe4 (1:03)

Better is 20.Nd5

20...Qg3 21.Kf1 Nf4 22.Bf4 Qf4 23.Qf2 Qc1

Also strong is 23...Qf2 24.Kf2 fe4.

24.Nge2 Qb2 25.Nd5 fe4 26.Ne7 Ke7 27.Qc5 Kd8 28.Qd6 Bd7 29.Nf4 Qe5

Instead, 29...Rf8 30.Bg4 Qd4 would win a piece.

30.Qe5 (1:16) Be5 31.Nd5 b5 (1:53. I offered a draw.) 32.ab5 ab5 33.c5 Bd4 34.Rh2 Bc5 35.Nf6 Bf5 (1:58) 36.Rd2 Ke7 37.Kg2 Rd8 38.Rd8 Kd8 DRAW

The endgame is probably a draw after 39.Bc2 and 40.Ne4.

Doug and Clarissa spent each round close to the playing room, but out of earshot. Some of the other players said "Hi" to Doug and the baby during the games. Normally this wasn't a problem, since Clarissa was over her fear of strangers by this time, and Doug doesn't scare easy, either. When Sharon Burtman dropped by the nursery, however, it was a different story. Apparently to Clarissa, Sharon and I look alike. Long brown hair, blue eyes, about 5' 4" – "must be Mommy." So the baby was delighted when Sharon stuck her head in the nursery, but devastated every time Sharon disappeared. Then I (the real Mommy) would have to get up from my game to comfort Clarissa. Doug didn't inform Sharon of the problem until after the event, so she ended up being "NOT the Mommy" (e.g., the hit show *Dinosaurs*) every round.

The tournament site was an art gallery, and the hotel was four-star. Players gazed at paintings between moves, and spectators were respectfully silent. The Jumer Hotel's exterior looks like a European castle. Inside there was an indoor swimming pool, ping pong and luxurious rooms complete with HBO. Conditions couldn't have been nicer, except if the tournament site and hotel had been closer together. As it was, the ride from hotel to art gallery took about fifteen minutes.

Saturday was the rest day, and many players attended the Normal (III.) and G/10 National Championship. I told Doug he should win the latter, so that he would finally have a national title. Things looked good, as Doug went 3-0, including a win over lawyer/ex-USCF President Harold Winston. Alas, Doug was not to be the winner. Girome Bono, formerly of Massachusetts but now living in Chicago, topped the 50-player field.

We then wandered around the Corn Fest. Twenty-five cent ears of cooked corn and lots of t-shirts made for an enjoyable day. Being from Texas, I didn't mind the 90 degree heat and high humidity. My sister Sarah also attended the Corn Fest. She, Doug, Clarissa and I went out for Chinese food that evening with Joel Friedman and Sharon Burtman. It was great to see my

sister and chow down with Joel and Sharon. Saturday was over too soon.

Sunday we resumed our intense two-round-a-day pace. Last round pairings on Tuesday were especially appropriate. Donaldson had to defeat Marinello to tie for first, and I had to draw Sharon to keep us both out of clear last! When I offered an early draw, she refused. We drew later in her time trouble. Donaldson won, and spoke in favor of more prize money for the U.S. Women's. The players agreed; the average rating of the championship has jumped 200 points in the last four years, but the prizes have stayed the same. We resolved to work on the situation.

Clarissa slept through the closing ceremony. Irina was impressed: "The baby stays awake for the games and sleeps through the ceremonies. What a chessplayer!"

Thanks to organizer Garrett Scott and tournament sponsor Dan Irvin for thinking of everything: our opening ceremony packages included pens, refrigerator magnets and first aid kits! Volunteers did the demo boards perfectly, and gave us rides all over town. In sum, the

accommodations and playing conditions were outstanding. I hope to be back in Bloomington for future events.

1993 U. S. Women's Championship – final standings

Place	Name	State	USCF	Score
1-2	WGM Elena Donaldson	WA	2497	7
	WGM Irina Levitina	NJ	2488	7
3-5	WGM Anjelina Belakovskaya	NY	2355	6
	WIM Beatriz Marinello	NY	2239	6
	Anna Khan	NY	2224	6
6	WIM Julia Tverskaya	CA	2388	4.5
7	WIM Vesna Dimitrijevic	MA	2127	3
8	WFM Leslie Pelech	CA	2228	2.5
9-10	WIM Alexey Root	TX	2239	1.5
	WIM Sharon Burtman	CA	2130	1.5

Scores shown are out of nine rounds. WIM Esther Epstein (2366), WIM Yulia Levitina (2362) and WIM Liz Neely (2203) refused their invitations, which are based on USCF ratings.



Photo: Dennis Bourgerie

Bottom row, left to right: Sharon Burtman, Vesna Dimitrijevic, Leslie Pelech, Anjelina Belakovskaya, Anna Khan. Back row, left to right: organizer Garrett Scott, Julia Tverskaya, Beatriz MascArthur, Irina Levitina, Elena Donaldson, sponsor Dan Irvin, TD Irv -? and Alexey Root. (Sorry, I don't know the TD's last name!)

Marvin Huckaby wins Class A at the U.S. Open!

Texas Junior co-champion Marvin Huckaby posted a 6.5-2.5 score to corner the Class A prize of \$1,000 at the U.S. Open, held last August in Philadelphia. He took down two masters and two experts.

In the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions, he finished with 2.5 out of 5.

We start with Marvin's favorite win from the U.S. Open:

Larsen's Opening A01
Chris Potham 2100
Marvin Huckaby 1982
1993 U.S. Open (8)

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 g6 3.e4 d6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Ne2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d4 cd4 9.Nd4 Bd7 10.Re1?!

A planless move which neglects f2. Preferable is 10.c4.

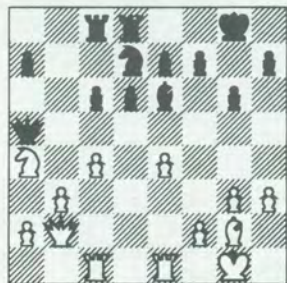
10...Rc8 11.c4 Qb6 12.Nc6

The desirable 12.Nc2 gets routed by 12...Ng4! Likewise awkward is 12.Na3 Ng4 13.Nac2 e5!, e.g. 14.h3 ed4 15.hg4 d3! +.

12...bc6 13.Nc3 Ng4 14.Rf1 Qa5 15.Rc1 Be6 16.h3 Nf6 17.Re1

There he goes again! For reasons that soon become plain, better is 17.Qd2 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 with simplifying tendencies.

17...Rfd8 18.Qe2 Nd7 19.Na4? Bb2 20.Qb2



20...Bc4! 21.b4 Qa4 22.Rc4 Ne5 23.Rc3 Rb8 24.Rb1 Qb5

Also good is 24...c5 25.Ra3 Qd7 Δ Nc4 (if 26.Rb3 cb4 27.Rb4 Nd3).

25.Bf1 Qb6 26.Kg2 c5 27.Rb3 Nc6 28.bc5 Qc5 29.Qd2 Rb3 30.Rb3 Rb8 31.Rc3?

Leaving Rooks on the board only feeds Black's initiative.

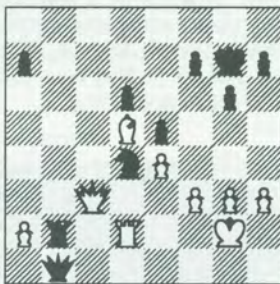
31...Qb4! 32.f3 Nd4 33.Bc4

No help is 33.Rc8 Kg7 34.Qb4 Rb4 35.Rc7? Rb2 36.Kh1 Nf3 +.

33...e5 34.Bd5 Kg7! 35.Rd3 Qb1 36.Qc3

36.Qd1 Rb2 37.Kf1 Qd1 38.Rd1 Nf3

36...Rb2 37.Rd2



37...Rd2!?

A cleaner win is 37...Ne2! either winning the Queen or mating, as pointed out by Luis Salinas.

38.Qd2 Qg1 39.Kg1 Nf3 0 : 1

Sicilian B80
Nick Adams 2297
Marvin Huckaby 1982
1993 U.S. Open (5)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Be3 0-0 10.f4 d6 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.a4 b6!?

A provocative move because of the possible reply 13.e5! de5 14.fe5 Qe5 15.Bc6 Qe3 16.Bd7 Rad8 (16...Nd7?? 17.Nc6) 17.Re1 Qg5 ∞.

Alternatives to be considered are 12...Rac8, 12...Rab8 and 12...Na5. 13.g4?!

13.Nb3 is better because of the following exchange. Play could evolve along standard Scheveningen lines much as in the 6.Be2 variation.

13...Nd4 14.Qd4

14.Bd4? e5 drops the g-pawn for nothing.

14...Bc6!?

This is certainly not bad, but 14...Ng4 leads to a superior endgame: 15.Qb6 (if 15.e5 Bc6!) Qb6 16.Bb6 Rab8 and White will be hard pressed not to give up a pawn. For instance, if 17.Bd4? e5 18.fe5 de5 19.Nd5, the e-pawn gets it after 19...ed4 20.Ne7 Kh8 21.b3 Ne3 22.Rf2 Rbe8 23.Nd5 Ng2 and ...Re4.

Relatively best is 17.a5 Bd8 18.Bd8 Rfd8 19.Ra2 (if 19.Nd1, Bb5 is strong) Ne3 20.Rf2 Rc8 and if 21.Rd2?? Rc3! +.

15.g5 Nd7 16.Rf3

Here I like 16.f5 e5 17.Qd1. The text gives Black a chance to split up the pawns with 16...e5.

16...f5!?

16...e5! 17.Qc4 b5! 18.Nd5!? bc4 19.Nc7 Rab8 -/+, or 18.Qd3 ef4 19.Bf4 Nc5 and 20...Na4.

17.Qc4! Rae8 18.Qe6

If 18.Rh3, not 18...Qb7? 19.Qe6 Kh8 20.Qg6 +, but simply 18...Bd8.

18...Kh8 19.Qc4

White can ride the tiger with 19.Rh3!? Bg5 20.Qg6 Bh6 21.Rh6! gh6 22.Bd4 Ne5 23.Qh6 (did Adams miss this?) fe4 24.fe5 de5 25.Be3 ±

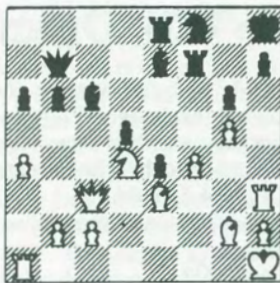
19...Qb7 20.Rh3 fe4 21.Qe2?

White should take the pawn: 21.Be4 Be4 22.Qe4 Qe4 23.Ne4 ± when despite the backward f-pawn he has a promising game based on the maneuver Nc3-d5.

21...g6 22.Qe1 Rf7 23.Ne2 d5 24.Nd4

White's attempts to maintain the illusion of an attack only get him in deeper trouble.

24...Nf8 25.Qc3



25...Bd7!

Black is not afraid of 26.Nf5 Bf6 27.gf6 Bf5 -/+.

26.Rg3 Kg8 27.Qb3 Rc8 28.Rd1 Rc4 29.Ra1 Rb4 30.Qc3 Rc8 31.Qd2 Ra4 32.Rd1 Rc4 33.c3 Rc8 34.h3 Rd8 35.Kh2 b5 36.Nb3 Bc8 37.Bc5? Ne6 38.Be7 Qe7 39.Rf1 Qc7 40.f5 gf5 41.g6 hg6 42.Qh6 Rg7 43.h4 f4 44.Rg6 f3 45.Kg1 fg2 46.Rf2 Rf8 47.Rfg2 Rff7 48.Qh5 Qd7 49.Rh6 Rg2 50.Kg2 Nf4 0:1

One of Marvin's two losses was so striking that I have included it here:

Pirc Defense B07

Marvin Huckaby 1982

Mikhail Zlotnikov 2484

1993 U.S. Open (6)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nge2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.h3 c6 9.a4 a5 10.Bg5(?!)

White provokes 10...h6 – but if Black doesn't bite, the d4 point is under fire and it is hard to maintain the central tension. 10.Be3 is better.

10...Re8

Premature is 10...Qb6?! 11.Be3!

11.d5

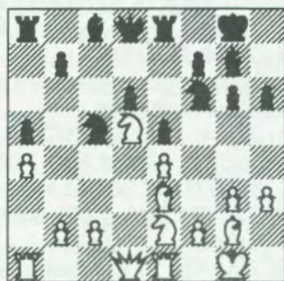
After 11.Qd2 ed4 12.Nd4 Qb6! (Δ ...Ne4) the drawbacks of the Bg5 placement become obvious:

(a) 13.Nb3 Ne5! 14.Qd6 Nc4 =+.

(b) 13.Nde2 Ne5! 14.Bf6 (14.b3 Bh3!) Bf6 15.Qd6 Re6 16.Qd1 Qb2, or 16.Qa3 Nc4, and Black regains his pawn advantageously.

11...Nc5 12.Re1

Marvin rejected 12.Qd2 because of 12...cd5 13.Nd5? Nce4! -/+; but 13.Bf6 Bf6 14.Nd5 is about equal. 12...h6 13.Be3 cd5 14.Nd5?

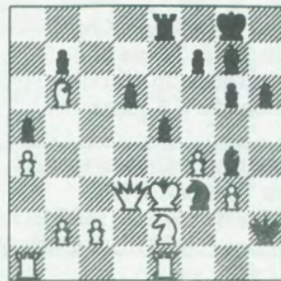


The trap that is supposed to justify this is caught by a bigger trap. 14.ed5 poses no special problems for Black after 14...b6 Δ h5, Bf5.

14...Nfe4!! 15.Be4 Ne4 16.Bb6 Qd7 17.Nc7 Qh3 18.Ne8.

White resists somewhat better with 18.Qd3 Ng5 19.Nf4 (worse is 19.f3 Bf5 and ...e4 with an attack) 19...Qg4 20.Ne8 Bf5 and Black will regain his material with interest. (If 21.Qb5 the 21...Bd7.)

18...Bg4 19.Qd3 Ng5 20.f4 Nf3 21.Kf2 Qh2 22.Ke3 Re8



23.Rh1 ef4 24.Kf4 h5! 0:1
If 25.Rh2 then 25...Bh6 mate!



Jerome Bilbud

Texas junior champion Marvin Huckaby

Top Texas Juniors

compiled by Larry Young and Forrest Marler

Ratings current through Aug. 1993. List includes only current USCF members with established ratings and active in last 12 months.

Age 17-18

1	Amir Lehovat	18	2103	Dallas
2	Marvin Huckaby, Jr.	17	1982	Dallas
3	Nathan Doughty	18	1907	La Porte
4	Joshua Newsham	17	1854	Austin
5	Thomas Cummins	18	1747	San Antonio
6	Daniel Schenkel	18	1600	Austin
7	Gerardo Yupari	18	1581	College Station
8	Jonathan Allen	17	1579	Carrollton
9	Mikel Paul Fry	17	1573	Groveton
10	Ofer Lehovat	17	1537	Dallas
11	Jose Gonzalez	17	1473	Brownsville
12	Corey Rhoden	18	1457	Midland
13	David Henderson	17	1439	Spring
14	Dicko Chong	17	1432	El Paso
15	Alex Chapman	18	1418	El Paso

Age 15-16

1	James Flaherty	16	1700	Grapevine
2	Michael Williams	16	1664	Houston
3	Bryan Miller	16	1616	Bellaire
4	Edward Salas	16	1482	San Antonio
5	Chris Reynolds	16	1452	Glen Rose
6	Walter Makarwich	15	1432	Glen Rose
7	Daniel Rivera	15	1408	Glen Rose
8	Jerry Lin	16	1377	Houston
9	Kij Williams	16	1330	Edcouch
10	David Nava	15	1322	El Paso
11	Albert Perez	16	1315	Big Lake
12	Michael Poston	16	1310	Breckenridge
13	John Riggs	16	1307	Bay City
14	Quang Tran	15	1295	Houston
15	Conrad Song	16	1292	Spring

Age 13-14

1	Steven Grubbs	14	1651	Garland
2	Brian Watkins	14	1532	Austin
3	Christopher Mabry	14	1527	Dallas
4	Neil Fox	14	1396	Montgomery
5	Steve Heppler	14	1389	Granbury
6	John Hendrick	13	1350	New Braunfels
7	Ryan Brown	14	1326	Grapevine
8	Brian Schnell	13	1321	San Antonio
9	Grant Sitta	13	1302	San Marcos
10	Josh Keidaish	13	1230	San Antonio
11	Cliff Reynolds	13	1227	Glen Rose

12	Brent Gartrell	13	1176	Glen Rose
13	David Fleming	14	1175	Pasadena
14	David Dirk	13	1162	Fort Worth
15	Dustin Wiley	13	1150	Glen Rose

Age 12-13

1	Suzanne Rivoire	12	1578	Spring
2	Joshua Nash	12	1476	Midland
3	Joey Friesenhahn	12	1426	San Antonio
4	Ira Schachar	11	1371	Dallas
5	James Murphy	11	1363	Houston
6	McKay Dunn	11	1339	Friendswood
7	Brian Worth	12	1321	San Antonio
8	Ray Villarreal	12	1205	San Antonio
9	Rusty Moss	12	1195	Huntville
10	Sergio Prieto	12	1162	San Antonio
11	Shannon Thompson	12	1118	Huntsville
12	Mark Andrews	11	1106	Houston
13	Paul Phipps	12	1105	Garland
14	Todd Haberkorn	11	1073	Houston
15	William Guy	11	1070	Houston

Age 9-10

1	Aaron Golden	10	1502	San Antonio
2	Tsubasa Onozaki	9	1280	Coppell
3	Miguel Guajardo	10	1200	Brownsville
4	Blake Smith	10	1152	Houston
5	Gregory Drugan	10	1109	Spring
6	Alex Lewkowski	9	1100	San Antonio
7	Jared Kawalsky	10	1083	Dallas
8	Andres Suarez	9	1079	Spring
9	Leica Tilton	10	1050	San Antonio
10	Kelley Rivoire	9	1040	Spring
11	Carla Bernal	10	1032	San Antonio
12	Salim Memon	10	1024	Spring
13	Marc Weinberg	10	939	Dallas
14	Brea Nash	10	923	Midland
15	David Allbright	10	827	Huntsville

Age 7-8

1	Ben Lewkowski	8	895	San Antonio
2	Stephen Brasseaux	8	865	Friendswood
3	Pierce Tilton	7	655	San Antonio
4	Valerie Prieto	8	626	San Antonio
5	Colleen Bertirotti	8	605	San Antonio
6	Kristin Fierros	8	501	San Antonio

West Texas Championship

There was a four-way tie for first at the West Texas Championship, held August 21-22 in El Paso. Topping the 48-player field at 4.5-.5 were Juan M. Ramirez, Sam Quintanar, Adrian Rios and Alejandro Maas. Each received \$120. A double round robin blitz playoff was won by Ramirez (3.5, 1st place trophy) followed by Rios (3.5, 2nd place trophy), Quintanar (2.5) and Maas (2.5, Expert trophy).

Quintanar and Rios had the only perfect scores after four rounds. They drew each other in the last round, allowing Ramirez and Alejandro Maas to catch up by beating Gustavo Maas and Arturo de la Garza, respectively.

The Maas brothers, both of them masters, are from Juarez, Mexico. Gustavo coached the junior team which flew to San Antonio in 1988 to win top honors in an inter-city, international youth tournament.

David Meier directed for EPCC.

Notes by NM Adrian Rios

Modern Defense B07

Adrian Rios 2266

Gustavo Maas 2275

West Texas Chp. (4)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.f4 e6

Maas is known for not playing much theory, but this is too weird.

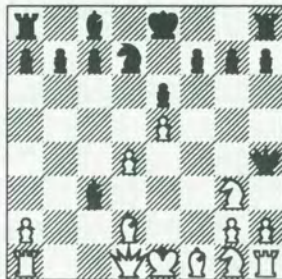
5.e5 Nd5 6.Ne4

The basic difference between the Knights on e4 and d5 is that the black one can be chased away more easily.

6...de5 7.fe5 Bb4 8.c3 Qh4

I admit that when I saw this position, I felt something was wrong, since 8.c3 was played automatically.

9.Ng3 Nc3 10.bc3 Bc3 11.Bd2



Only now I realized that after 11...Ba1 12.Qa1 0-0 13.Nf3 Qe7 14.Bd3, White is really okay. Black also saw that, which is why he went after the pawns.

11...Qd4

It looks like four pawns are enough for a Knight, but Black is behind in development.

12.Rc1 Qe5 13.Be2 Bd2 14.Qd2 c5 15.Nf3 Qd5 16.Qb2 0-0 17.0-0 b6 18.Rcd1

18.Rfd1 was also considered, but I thought the Rook on c1 had nothing to do against the c5 and b6 pawns.

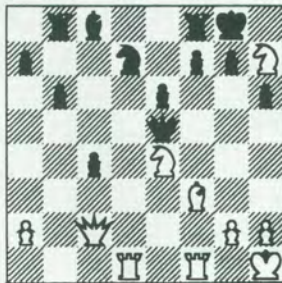
18...Qc6 19.Ng5! c4 20.Bf3 Qc5 21.Kh1 Rb8 22.N3e4 Qe5 23.Qc2

Setting up direct threats, beginning with 24.Rd7 followed by Nf6 and Qh7 mate.

23...h6

Now 24.Rd7 would lead only to the recovery of one pawn, so . . .

24.Nh7!



24...Rd8

If 24...Re8, then 25.Bh5! Qh5 26.Rd7! +- . Now I spent a lot of time looking at 25.Bh5, but rejected it because of 25...f5, which seems to hold; so I went for . . .

25.Nd6

This is a very natural-looking move. Here I could not find a good response for Black.

25...Nc5 26.Nf7 Rd1 27.Nh6!



A killer in-between move.

27...gh6

If the Knight is not captured, 28.Bd1 forces the game back to the text moves.

28.Qg6 Kh8 29.Bd1 Bb7 30.Nf6 Bg2

Desperately hoping for 31.Kg2? when 31...Qg5 exchanges Queens.

31.Qg2 Qg5 32.Qc2 Nd3 33.Qc4 Rd8

A last cheap trick, trying to play 34...Nf2.

34.Be2 Nc5 35.Qc2 Qg7 36.Nh5?!

36.Qc3 looks better, with the idea of 37.Rg1. If 36...Nd7? 37.Qc7.

36...Qe5 37.Nf6

Black had only two minutes left and did not see 37...Qc7. He played 37...Nd3

. . . and resigned.

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Regional Directors sought

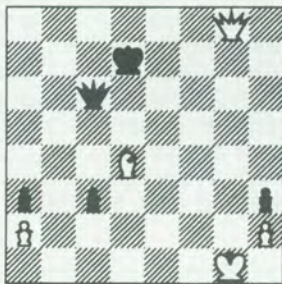
One of my duties as TCA president is to appoint the seven TCA regional directors. I would like to hear from TCA members who are interested. The duties of the regional directors are coordinating activities within their regions, promoting TCA membership, and sending a continuing flow of chess news material to the editor of *Texas Knights*. If you are interested in performing these duties or know someone in your area who might make a good director, please contact me at (512) 477-9408, or write me at Box 1427, Austin, TX 78767.

Michael Simpson
TCA President

No luck needed

The final position of the Ardaman-Rector game shown in *Texas Knights*, July/Aug. issue, is a most interesting endgame position..

Position after 47...Kd7



Black resigns (?)

[Ardaman wrote "Fortune smiles on Miles!" because after 48.Qg7 Kc8 49.Bc3?, Black finds counterplay with 49...Qb6 and 50...Qb1; while 48.Qh7 Ke8!

49.Qc2 Qf3 50.Bc3 Qg4 is only a draw. But as this analysis shows, no luck was needed.]

After 48.Qg7 Kc8 49.Qh8! ...

Var. I: 49...Kb7 50.Qh7 Ka6 (50...Kb8 51.Qa7 Kc8 52.Qc5 +-)
51.Qh3 c2 (51...Qg6 52.Qg2 Qb1 53.Qf1 +-)
52.Qa3 Kb7 53.Bb2 Qb6 54.Kg2 Qg6 55.Qg3 c1(Q)! 56.Bc1 Qc2 57.Qf2 Qc1 (±).

BCE states that Q + 2 pawns vs. Q is a theoretical win. I accept this but will leave it to someone with real grit to demonstrate it from this position.

Var. II: 49...Kc7 50.Be5 Kb7 (50...Kb6 51.Qf6 +-)
51.Qb8 Ka6 52.Qd6 +-.

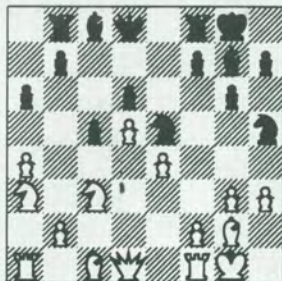
This analysis is based on two premises. First: if Queens are traded off and the Bishop gets to c1, then White will win. Second: Black prefers not to allow White to win any pawn with a check.

It has been many years since I have seen an issue of *Texas Knights*. It is a delight to see that it is now a first class publication. Congratulations! I will be rejoining TCA in order to receive it.

Leon Poliakoff
Bonham

Chip busts Benoni line

I have a question about Schwarz-Gallagher (*TK* Sept.-Oct., p. 12). Schwarz (like Korchnoi) played 16.Kh2 in this position.



A note by the editor suggests that 16.g4 is dangerous for White because of the sacrifice 16...Qh4! 17.g5 Bh3 18.h6 Bh8 19.Ne2? f5! -/+ as in Scheeren-Timman, 1980.

But 18.Nc2! (a seemingly slow move given by ChessMachine) consolidates White after 18...Ng4 19.Qf3! or other continuations.

Greg Wren
Grey Forest

Yes! 18.Nc2 covers d4 so that after 18...Ng4 19.Qf3 Bg2 (forced) 20.Qg2 Be5, White can play 20.f4 without worrying about 20...Bd4.

Other tries:

- (a) 18...Bg4 19.f3 Bh5 20.Qe1 ±;
- (b) 18...f5 19.f3! Bg2 20.Kg2 f4 21.Qe2! (preventing a perp) Qh5 22.Rh1 Qg5 23.Kf1 Qg3 24.Ne1 ±;
- (c) 18...Bg2 19.Kg2 Ng4 20.Bf4 Be5 21.Qc1! (21.Qf3? Nh2! -/+)
Rbe8 22.Ne1! f5 23.Nf3 Qh5 24.Ne5! (24.Rh1 Bf4 25.Qf4 fe4)
Ne5 25.Qd1 Qh4 26.Bg3 ±.

Woodland Woodpushers Sudden Death IV

Larry Young and William Jones divided first place in the Woodlands Sudden Death IV, held September 25 at the South Montgomery County Community Center in The Woodlands, Texas. Top Class A was shared by Randy Hess and Michael Brooks. Tom Chatman won Class B, and Suzanne Rivoire, 15 years old, won Class C. There were eighteen players in this five-round, game/45 Swiss system tournament, the fourth and last sudden death Swiss the Woodpushers have held. The Woodland Woodpushers are now the Oak Ridge Chess Club and meet Friday nights from 6:30 to 10:00 at Oak Ridge City Hall, 27326 Robinson Road #115. It is about a mile east of I-45.

- Perry Collins

GM Alexander Ivanov wins Callo-Diaz Open

Russian-born grandmaster Alexander Ivanov (who now resides in Brookline, Massachusetts) scored 4.5-.5 to win the \$1,000 first prize at the Callo-Diaz Open held October 9-10 in Midland. Five players tied for second: IM Carlomagno Oblitas of Peru, FM Miles Ardaman of Houston, NM Adrian Rios of Juarez, Mexico, NM Todd Thomas of San Angelo, and expert Paul Newberry of Midland. Each received \$120.

Gordon Nelson and Wesley Harden tied for first in the Under 1800 section, winning \$97.50 each. Eagle Elliot garnered the \$195 top prize in the Under 1600 section. Joe Baker and Albert Perez shared the honors in the Under 1400 section.

The surprise element of the tournament was young Joshua Nash. He is currently twelve years old with an outstanding rating of 1492. Joshua finished with 2.5 points out of five rounds.

The event was magnificently organized by Steve Dudley with the invaluable help of Bill Brooks. There were thirty players overall. *[Games will appear next issue - Ed.]*

- Dr. Guillermo Callo



"Chessasaurus" Joshua Nash

Blake Stevens (1927-1993)

Blake Stevens, the strongest San Antonio player for two post-World War II decades, died on August 25, 1993 from liver cancer. He won the San Antonio City Championship sixteen times, and won the Southwest Open in 1957. He either tied or placed - we are not sure which - at Southwest Opens in 1947 and 1954. While he never quite rose to master rank, he maintained an expert rating until his death. In younger years he was active in the San Antonio Chess Club, serving as president and director at large.

He graduated from Trinity University in 1949 with a Bachelor of Music degree, specializing in composition. After meeting his wife Edna he became a court reporter for the U.S. District Court. He retired in 1987 and taught at the San Antonio Court Reporting Institute.

In recent years he turned to writing plays, and had two of them (*Two Summers at Villa Diodati* and *Poet's Pyre*) produced by local theater companies. His varied interests included beekeeping and raising birds.

Blake is remembered as a true gentleman at the chess board and off, with a genuine love for the game. He is survived by his wife Edna.

UPCOMING JUNIOR EVENT:

December 4: Sam Houston Scholastic. Huntsville Elementary, 87 Martin Luther King Dr., Huntsville. 4 sections: **Championship**, 5-SS G/45, open to all grade 12/below. Trophies 1st-10th overall. **HS Division B**, 6-SS, G/30, open to grades 9-12 U1200 and Unrated. Trophies 1st-10th. **MS Division B**, 6-SS G/30, open to grades 6-8 U1200 and Unr. Trophies 1st-10th. **Elem. Division B**, 6-SS G/30, open to grades K-5 U1200 and Unr. Trophies 1st-20th. **All, Regular Registration and EF:** \$6 if rec'd by 12/1. Late Registration \$10 and by 10:00 a.m. at site, automatic half point bye first round. Round 1 at 9:30, others ASAP. Ent: Larry Young, 28 Deerfield, Huntsville, TX 77340. (409) 291-2540.

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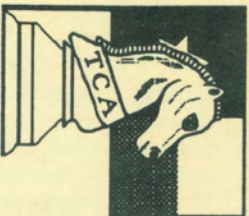
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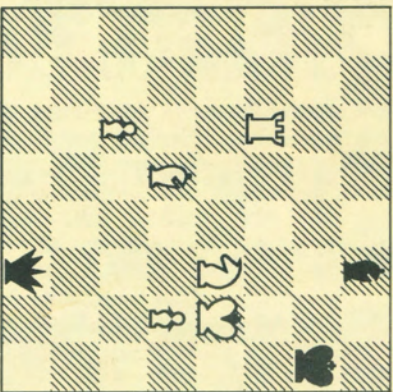
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